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ST. PAUL'S REOPENS.

The Marble Floors Given by Mrs. George S. Robbins and St. Margaret's Guild are in Place.

MR. DIGGLES HAS WORKED HARD.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church was opened for services last Sunday for the first time in eight weeks, during which time they have been held in the Parish House while extensive improvements have been in progress. The church now presents an appearance which is equalled by few in the diocese of Harrisburg.

In the chancel, sanctuary, and nave, marble mosaic floors have been laid, and cork carpets will be placed in the pews.

The floors of the chancel and sanctuary are the gift of Mrs. George S. Robbins in memory of her husband, who was a vestryman and an enthusiastic church worker.

St. Margaret's Guild, by constant endeavor, furnished the flooring of the aisles.

The entire work is beautifully done. The ground work is of Italian marble, with a border of red, blue and black marble from France. The chancel steps and the altar kneeler are of white Vermont marble. Built on a base of reinforced concrete, six tons of marble were required to cover the floor.

The rector, the Rev. James W. Diggles, has constantly supervised the work, devoting most of his time to it. When the artisans had completed the floors, the woodwork throughout the church was covered with dust and stained with cement. Mr. Diggles and several men of the congregation spent many evenings in refinishing the wood, and in cleaning up the church, thus saving considerable expense.

The congregations were large at both services on Sunday. In the morning Mr. Diggles told of the method of the laying of the floor, and of the sybolism in the designs and colorings.

WOMAN DROWNED.

Mrs. John Terry was drowned in the river at West Berwick on Monday morning. She had gone to the river for a pail of water, and it is believed that she was stricken with heart failure as she stooped over.

She was housekeeper for Mr. Stewart who lives along the towpath only a few feet from the river. Soon after breakfast Stewart's daughter came running into the house and said Mrs. Terry was in the water. Her brother seized a pole and ran to the river, within reach of the woman, but she failed to seize the pole. The boy then ran to a neighbor's and summoned help. Frank Lynn came and attempted to reach her with a boat, but her weight was so great, being about 200 pounds, that he was unable to lift her in it. The woman was then unconscious. Other assistance came, but before they could get her to the shore she was dead

The deceased has relatives living at Northumberland and Danville.

THE CALABROS RELEASED.

Fortunato and Antonio Calabro, of West Berwick, who have been held for several days on the charge of implication in the West Berwick murders, were given a hearing Tuesday evening before Justice Fenstermacher. In the absence of sufficient evidence they were released.

ENLARGING PLANT.

The Irondale Power House is Being Equipped To Use Harwood Current.

ADDING NEW MACHINERY.

The Columbia Power, Light, and Railways Company has a large force of men at work on the Irondale power house, in preparation for the increased capacity which the plant will soon have for furnishing power to Bloomsburg and vicinity.

A new water wheel of four hundred and fifty horsepower is being put in. This necessitates an extension to the race which is now in course of construction. The extension will have a forebay made of four hundred cubic yards of cement. Connected with the new wheel there will be an extension of the line shaft.

A two hundred and fifty kilowatt belted generator for the railways will be added, and also a generator with motor attachment of the same capacity, likewise for railway power.

A brick, concrete, and steel fire proof addition has been built at the eastern end of the power house to accommodate the high tension switch boards, and the transformers for the Harwood current. There will be two of these transformers, each of three hundred and fifty kilowatts, and they will receive the twenty-five thousand volts of the high tension current and step it down to twenty three hundred volts for local consumption.

JAIL DELIVERY FRUSTRATED.

It was developed at Monday's session of court that a wholesale jail delivery was prevented in the nick of time about three weeks ago by Sheriff Ent and his son Millard Ent.

A short time after supper the latter heard a mysterious noise which aroused his attention. He called to the Sheriff and they both went to the rear jail yard where they found three prisoners already out, with the rest following. At the point of revolvers they forced the three into jail, and made examinations. An iron bar in the bathroom window had been sawed off, and a rope of bed clothes had been let down. Within a few more minutes the prisoners would have made good their escape.

Those known to have been active in the attempt are: Toth Gope, West Berwick, serving a year for burglary; John Gobash, serving a year for larceny; John Zongrone, a West Berwick Italian; held for assault; Samuel Collar, of Philadelphia, said to be implicated in freight car robberies on the Reading; Peter Matsko and John Cazp, of West Berwick, convicted at the September term of Court for felonious assault and battery, and who are facing long terms in the penitentiary; Joseph Kelly, of Danville, awaiting trial for the larceny of a furnace from Mrs. George B. Wright, of Bloomsburg.

They were all put on a bread and water diet, and kept in separate confinement.

Yesterday seven of them were brought into court for trial. Zongrone had been released and his whereabouts are unknown.

The evidence of Sheriff Ent and Millard Ent was insufficient to convict five of them, but the Court advised the conviction of Collar, Zongrone, and Gape, and the jury therefore returned such a verdict. A sentence of six months and a fine was handed out to the three.

—COMPTROLLER'S CALL.—

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business November 16th, 1909.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
U. S. Bonds - -	$100,000.00	Capital Stock, -	$100,000.00
Loans and Investments - -	622,974.99	Surplus and Profits	60,392 93
Furniture and Fixtures - -	8,000.00	Circulation - -	100,000.00
Cash and Reserve	89,483.81	Bank Deposits, -	10,820.53
		Individual Deposits	549,245.34
	$820,458.80		$820,458.80

WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier. A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

IN COURT.

A Considerable Amount of Routine Business Transacted; Attendance Not Very Large.

SOME MINOR CRIMINAL CASES.

The regular December session of court opened on Monday with all the Judges on the bench. The following routine business was presented:

Harry Stees, Esq., moved the Court for the appointment of an auditor in the estate of W. W. Barrett, late of Bloomsburg, deceased.

The filing of the report of W. H. Rhawn, auditor, in the estate of Honora Burke, late of Centralia, deceased, was on motion of E. J. Flynn, Esq., continued until December 7th.

In the estate of Abraham Stine, deceased, on motion of C. A. Small, Esq., the report of inquest in the proceedings in partition is continued until next term.

In estate of Amelia Apple, late of Locust township, on motion of C. E. Kreisher, order of sale continued. Same in estate of Elias Seely, late of Locust township.

In the case of Armour & Co. vs. Edward Fertile, of Berwick, who holds a judgment for $300 against the defendant, John G. Harman, Esq., presented a petition for a rule to show cause why the judgment should not be opened and the defendant let into a defense. The defendant alleges in his petition that he was only 20 years of age when he signed the note upon which judgment was entered. A rule was granted as requested.

Mr. Harman also filed his report as master in the divorce proceedings of Freda Rabb Hall vs. Walter Hall and recommended a divorce, although the master thought it would be good only in Pennsylvania.

H. Mont. Smith, Esq., presented the return of sale of the real estate of John S. Boone, a weak minded person for confirmation nisi.

Clinton Herring, Esq., presented a petition signed by more than 25 taxpayers of the township of Sugarloaf, asking the Court for an order fixing an election for the purpose of voting on a change in the method of paying the road tax of said township from a money to a work tax.

W. C. Johnston, Esq., presented a similar petition from the taxpayers of Pine township, and the prayer of both petitions was granted by the Court.

Upon a petition presented by C. A. Small, Esq, Alexander Knouse was appointed constable of Benton borough to succeed Jeremiah Kline who resigned.

Mr. Small also presented his report as auditor in the estate of Delilah Cramer, which was confirmed nisi.

Upon motion of Fred Ikeler, Esq., Saturday was fixed as the time for the hearing of the equity suit of Thomas Harder vs. Catawissa Borough. The hearing to be had before Judge Evans and conclusive as to all parties.

On motion of W. C. Johnston, Esq., the master in the divorce proceedings of Geo. W. Campbell vs. Jennie Campbell was continued over the term; and in the divorce proceedings of Lewis Klingerman vs. Ida Klingerman, and S. B. Crouse vs. Ella Crouse, Mr. Johnston asked

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OPINIONS HANDED DOWN.

Judge Evans Refuses New Trials in the Reimard and Houck Cases, and Sustains Scott Township Case.

On Monday morning Judge Evans handed down four opinions.

In the case of Cora A. Reimard and Howard R. Reimard against the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad, tried at the May term of court in which the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs in the sum of $2,500, the case growing out of injuries which she received when she, with her children, was retracing her steps to Sugarloaf crossing from Laubach's, the conductor having failed to stop the train, Judge Evans denied the motion for a new trial and judgment non obstante veredicto.

On the motion for a new trial in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Peter Matsko and John Czap, convicted at the September term of court of feloniously assaulting Wasyl Gidosh, of West Berwick, upon whom sentence has not been pronounced pending the motion for a new trial, Judge Evans denied motion.

In the Houck fire damage case, twice tried in the courts of this county, with the jury deadlocked for 52 hours when it was placed on trial during February term, 1909, and in which the plaintiff at the second trial, secured a $300 verdict, Judge Evans denied the motion for a new trial.

In the action instituted against Ellis Ringrose, who was charged with neglect of duty and with having paid himself a salary out of the road funds of Scott township, while holding the office of Supervisor, the Court sustained the judgment of Justice C. R. Weiss. The hearing was held before the justice who found that there was not sufficient evidence to support the claim of plaintiff, and entered judgment in favor of the defendant. The plaintiff filed exceptions to this finding, and took the case to court by a writ of certiorari. The court dismissed the exceptions and affirmed the judgment.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

At Monday evening's meeting of the Town Council, business relating to the fire department, paving, and various other matters was attended to.

An executive session followed the regular meeting, when the claims of M. G. Creasy and C. H. Giger were considered. Both of these men allege that their horses died of lockjaw as a result of stepping upon pieces of scrap iron that were in the refuse with which East Seventh street is filled. Mr. Creasy claims $300, and Mr. Giger $150. Both claims were put into the hands of the solicitor, John G. Harman, Esq. for settlement.

FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

A petition has been presented to Congressman John G. McHenry asking that Congress may grant an increase of pension to Charles P. Sloan of this town, who has long been in a helpless condition. He will introduce a bill at this session. Mr. Sloan served honorably in the Civil War, and was for many years a leading figure in Ent Post, G. A. R. until his illness prevented him from further activity.

CHRISTMAS

But Two Weeks Off

GET BUSY

Bath Robes
House Coats
Sweater Coats
Fur Caps
Neckwear
Heavy Driving Gloves
Adler's Fine Kid Gloves
Bradley Mufflers
Luzerne Underwear.
Everwear Hosiery
Stetson Hats.
Toques and Pull Caps
Golf Gloves
Boys' Indian Gauntlets
Boys' Corduroy Suits
Presto Collar Overcoats
All 50c, $1.00 and $2.00 Neckwear in Boxes
Boys Suit Cases
Umbrellas

TOWNSEND'S

CORNER

CLOTHING STORE,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

The Girl

The man in the big easy chair looked across the table at his wife.

"I am repeating what Richardson said. He told me this morning that the boy had braced up in quite a wonderful way. He is punctual and energetic and works as if he meant to climb. Richardson says he is positive that Edgar has stopped drinking. His eyes have lost their dullness and his hand is steady."

The woman breathed more quickly.

"Wh-what will you do, Robert?"

"Do?" the man answered. "Nothing. This isn't the first time the boy has tried to brace up. You know how long it lasted."

"But perhaps a word from you would help him, dear."

"No."

"You are his father."

"See here, Emily, this won't do. I'm the boy's father, and I've been a bad father. Where I meant to please him I proved his worst enemy. He spent the money I gave him in wasteful living. But why speak of it? Before these doors are opened to him again he's got to prove that he's fit to enter them. He hasn't forgotten what I said to him. If there is a spark of manhood left in his breast he will make no attempt to come near us until he shows he is worthy."

"You are very hard, Robert."

"I've been softer than wax. I'm as hard as nails now. But, there, we've had enough of this for to-night. I told Richardson not to report to me until a week from to-day. Then we can tell, perhaps, whether this spasm of reform has any foundation."

"It will be hard to wait, Robert."

The man looked across at the woman. His stern face relaxed.

"Let us hope for the best, my dear," he softly said.

It was a week later and the woman had patiently waited for the man to unfold his news of this erring son.

"Richardson reported again to-day," he said as he sank back in the easy chair.

"Well, dear?"

"The boy continues to do himself credit. Richardson says he is grasping his duties with a firmer grip. The other day he came to Graham—he's the head of the department—and told him he must have more pay. He said he knew he was worth more and that he could get a job at any time with the Ajax people. Graham will double his pay next week. He told Richardson the boy was well worth the raise. It seems that Richardson noticed the change in Edgar two months ago, but wouldn't mention it because he was afraid it might not last." He paused. "Sounds good, doesn't it?"

The woman's head was bowed. She looked up slowly.

"I know what's brought about this change," she said half hysterically. "It's a girl."

The man stared at her.

"Thank God for the girl!" he said in his quick and earnest fashion.

"I—I must see her at once," exclaimed the woman.

"Go slow, Emily," said the man. "You are jumping at conclusions. But if there is a girl—a good girl, of course—with enough influence to turn our boy into the right path—when his father and mother have failed—she is not to be interfered with—do you hear me?"

There was a little silence.

"I did so want him to marry Alice Landon," said the woman.

"Huh!" growled the man. "He will please to marry himself—if he marries at all—and there's no probability that he will ask our advice. If your suspicion is correct—and I suppose it might be called intuition—don't interfere. There'll be nothing too good for the girl who can awaken our boy to his duty. Let her alone."

But the woman said nothing.

Two nights later they were in their accustomed places beside the big library table.

The man suddenly smiled as he looked across at the woman.

"There is a girl," he said.

"Yes," said the woman, "I have seen her."

The man stared at her.

"I hope you did nothing rash," he said and his voice was almost harsh.

"No," she answered; "I was very careful. What do you know about her?"

"Very little. She is a stenographer in the factory office. She earns a fair salary and bears an excellent reputation. Edgar has been seen in her company a number of times. That's the extent of my knowledge. You say you've seen her. How did that happen?"

"It was easily planned, Robert. I waited about the factory until Edgar came out—I was in the little antique shop across the way and he didn't see me—and, oh, Robert, our boy looks ten years older."

She paused with a little catch in her voice.

"Go on," said the man. "Let's hope he has grown ten years the wiser."

"He held himself straight, Robert, and I think there is a new look in his eyes."

"Go on, you foolish mother."

"I saw him quite well, because he crossed the road and passed in front of the shop, walking slowly. And after the others had gone a girl came out of the office, a slender girl, walking alone, and when our boy saw her his face lighted up and something seemed to grip my heart."

The man softly laughed.

"The mother love showing itself through maternal jealousy. Go on, my dear."

"Edgar crossed the street quickly and fell into step beside the girl. They walked slowly, the girl looking up into his face now and then. There's no doubt that she loves him, Robert."

The man laughed again.

"And did your eyes tell you all this?"

"My eyes and my heart, Robert. When Edgar and the girl turned the corner I hurried out and found Michael—he had the car on a little side street—and I followed them."

"In the car?"

"Yes, Robert."

"Rather an obtrusive way to trail your prey. But go on."

"They were standing still when we turned the corner, but Edgar did not look around. Michael ran ahead slowly, and as we passed them Edgar left the girl—she gave him her hand as he turned away—and ran and caught a car. The girl looked after him—she is very fond of him, Robert."

"We will admit the fondness, my dear. What next?"

"I told Michael to stop at the curb and I leaned out and called to the girl."

"Was that discreet?"

"Wait, dear. At first she didn't hear me. And I called again, and she heard me and came toward the car. She—she has a nice face, Robert."

The man laughed once more.

"Your mother heart is defending the boy's taste."

"No, Robert, the girl has an attractive face."

"You will admit it's a litle crafty and hard about the mouth?"

"No."

"And that it suggests paint and flaunts its powder."

"No, Robert."

"And that it is feebly pretty and altogether cheap?"

"No."

"Then it was much better than you expected?"

"Yes, Robert. She has a nice face—not beautiful, but frank and clear eyed." She paused. "If she had been simply pretty it would have hurt me, Robert. It would have looked as if Edgar had been caught by a dimple and a curl. But the affair is more serious than I thought."

He caught her eye and nodded.

"What you are telling me is good to hear," he said. "I'm feeling easier about Edgar than I have felt since he left college. It looks very much as if his liking for this girl was the first sensible symptom he has shown. And there's another thing."

"Well, Robert?"

"If the girl can run the gauntlet of your critical mother eyes there must be something very attractive about her. But you haven't told me all the story."

"I called to her and when she realized that I wanted her she came to the car. I told her I was nervous and a little faint—which was quite true, Robert. And I asked her if she wouldn't sit by me for a few moments until the attack passed away. She looked at me wonderingly and then something in my face decided her and she took the seat by my side. I asked her where she lived and she told me and I directed Michael not to hurry. Then I talked to the girl and found out something about her. She is an orphan and came to the city from an interior town. She has been well educated and is qualified to teach singing, but her present work is fully as remunerative and more certain. And she is twenty-three."

The man laughed.

"That's extremely interesting—I don't refer to the age item especially. But go on."

"I don't know what she thinks of me. I tried to interest her."

"By asking her questions?"

"I asked no questions. She told me all this voluntarily. I am quite sure she will tell me more the next time we meet."

"Then you have planned to see her again?"

"Yes. I am going to take her with me for a ride in the parks Wednesday evening. I told her I was a fussy old woman and that she was doing the best kind of charity work in amusing me. I said I had taken a fancy to her—and it's true, Robert."

"Eh!"

"Yes, Robert. I can't quite say that I am ready to take her as a daughter-in-law. Think of the talk it would make!"

The man laughed.

"I see you haven't quite surrendered, my dear. And what's the girl's name?"

"Elinor Viets."

"That's not bad. Of course, you didn't exchange cards?"

"I thought of inventing a name, but I couldn't bring myself to do that. I suppose she thinks I'm a forgetful old creature who doesn't remember even the common usages of polite society."

The man leaned back in the deep chair and interlocked his fingers.

"Well," he said, "things are not nearly so bad as they might be. Up to the present moment I must frankly admit that the girl seems too good for the boy."

"Robert!"

"It's the unpleasant truth. Of course, he's improving, but don't let your mother heart cherish any belief that this fine young girl—I take her at your own valuation—isn't much better than this wayward boy of ours. But there, we'll postpone any further discussion until after the coming ride."

So it was Wednesday evening when they took up the subject again. The man was waiting in the library for the woman to come home.

He looked up as she came through the doorway. Then he quickly arose and went to her, and took her cloak and led her to a chair.

"Why, Emily," he said. "What's happened?"

For a moment she could not find her voice.

"They are to be married Tuesday evening," she sobbed.

The man whistled.

"The boy seems to be developing energy enough with his other awakened qualities. There, there, calm yourself and tell me about it."

The woman waited a moment.

"I drew her out," she began, "and soon found that she wanted to talk to a woman—it seems she has no intimate girl friends—and she told me just what I wanted, and yet dreaded to hear. She is very fond of Edgar and she has the fullest confidence in him. He has told her about his wild days and how he quarreled with his father and mother. She doesn't know who his parents are—Edgar doesn't want to talk about the past—but she feels convinced they were wrong in their treatment of Edgar. She is sure they didn't understand him that his mother was indulgent and his father unwise. Edgar needed an object in life, he needed to be thrown on his own resources. Now he had his ambition to rise and he had her." She paused and drew a quick breath. "Think of a mother listening to all this!"

"You will be an unbidden guest, you know."

"I want to be there, Robert."

"Perhaps you would prefer to have it stopped?"

"How, Robert?"

"I might buy off the girl."

The woman shook her head.

"You haven't money enough to do that, Robert."

"Fine. Then the wedding goes on. And to-morrow I will send for the Rev. Frank Darnley. He will be glad to come. I believe I have a little gift for his mission project. When he comes I will make the necessary arrangements." He went over and gently smoothed the woman's hair. "I think this is going to turn out all right," he said.

It was Tuesday evening and the Rev. Frank Darnley sat in his little parlor and waited for the girl and the man who had asked his professional services. It was a neat little parlor, nicely furnished, with folding doors that connected it with the sitting room beyond. These doors were closed and the Rev. Frank Darnley inspected them carefully before he answered the bell.

When he returned from the front door he brought with him the girl and the wayward son. He greeted them cordially and bade them be seated.

"We are in something of a hurry," said the young man. "We have a brief little trip in view, and time tables make no provisons for delayed happy pairs."

He laughed and the young pastor laughed with him.

The girl unfastened her travelling cloak.

"Would it be possible," she said, "for you to have a woman present during the ceremony? I have a fancy that I would like it better."

The young pastor brightened.

"Why, yes," he answered. "I have two visitors at the present moment, a very worthy couple. I will ask them to be witnesses—in accordance with the State law."

And he slipped from the room. He was back presently.

"They will be glad to aid us," he said a little hurriedly. "They will stand in the doorway here while the ceremony proceeds. If you are quite ready you may arise."

The doors at the back were softly opened.

The ceremony proceeded, the most nervous member of the trio being the Rev. Frank Darnley.

When it was all over and the Rev. Frank had shaken hands with both and wished them joy, the girl looked around and suddenly started. A man and woman had entered the room, but it was the woman who startled the girl.

"Why, madam!" she cried. "Are you here?" And she advanced with her hands outstretched. The woman was crying and could not answer. But she opened her arms and held the girl close.

The bridegroom had whirled about, and then catching sight of the man and woman had drawn back.

"Elinor," he cried, "do you know this lady?"

The girl released herself from the woman's embrace.

"Why, yes," she answered. "She has been kind to me—as a mother might be. There is no person I could so gladly greet on my wedding night."

The young man stared at her.

"Don't you know her name?" he demanded.

"Why, no, Edgar; I don't know the lady's name. I never thought of it."

He was still amazed.

"Do you mean to say that you don't know this is my mother?"

"Your mother!" she cried. "Your mother! Oh, I'm very glad! Don't cry—mother."

The older man took a step forward.

"Eddie," he said, "I hope your resentment doesn't go so far as to prevent your father from kissing his new daughter—God bless and guard her!"

The younger man gave a quick start and put out his hand.

"Father!" he cried.

And the Rev. Frank Darney smiled approvingly.

Duchess Can Be Shabby.

A duchess may be as shabby as she pleases, and, in spite of socialism and a badly hanging skirt, she will remain a power in the land, but the suburban lady does not care to be seen with her best friend if the latter be wearing an old-fashioned frock. — Black and White.

Always A Way

When Frank Sheldon left the law school he settled in his old home town. Fairfield was a small place, not far from a large city. Sheldon figured it out that he could live better on a certain income in Fairfield than on a doubtful prosperity in a large city. There was something else. Edith Sawyer lived in Fairfield.

But the Hon. John Sawyer railroad magnate, could not appreciate an attachment between his daughter and a poor young lawer. So the poor young lawyer studied and struggled along.

He had been struck by a peculiar phase of a great case that was being tried in a near-by city. The law journal, which printed his article on the subject commented on his views rather enthusiastically, and sent him a number of free copies. He sent some to his friends, including the Hon. John Sawyer, whose interests were deeply touched by the case in question.

Urged by his confidence that he had done a worthy thing, he set off for the Sawyer home, determined to interview Mr. Sawyer. He was very civilly received.

"Quite an interesting article of yours," said the millionaire. "I thank you for the copy."

Frank bowed, then plunged. "Mr. Sawyer, you must have seen that I love your daughter, but I've said nothing until I felt assured of your consent."

"Oh, of course," interrupted Mr. Sawyer. "How much did you get for that article?"

"A few free copies," said Frank, blushing.

"About what I thought," said Mr. Sawyer. "Now, Sheldon, I like you, but liking doesn't count when a life contract is involved. You've given all your time and trouble for nothing. The only things that count are results." He paused, then added, "I don't think I need say any more."

"I thank you for your candor," said Frank, rising. "Good night." He rushed out of the house, and down the street almost ran into a stout, elderly gentleman who was toiling up the hill.

"Phew!" said the man. "Where can I find John Sawyer's house?"

"The Sawyers' house is on the hill."

The stout man pulled the Sawyer door bell and said, "Tell Mr. Sawyer that John Hunter wants to see him."

Mr. Sawyer almost ran down stairs.

"Why, this is an honor. What brought you here?"

"You've got a young lawyer in this village named Frank Sheldon. Know him?"

"Yes, he was here a few minutes ago. What's it all about?"

"It's about that article the young man wrote. He has struck the right lead on that case of ours. Is he all right, honest, reliable?"

"I think he is," said Mr. Sawyer, slowly.

"Then send a note to him at once, asking him to come."

After the note was sent, Mr. Hunter explained that the discovery of the young man, if known at the beginning, might have saved a hundred thousand dollars in litigation; that now he had it in his power to up set their plans if the other side get hold of him. "We must have him at any cost. A thousand dollars will probably be enough for him."

Edith Sawyer had heard the conversation. She was standing on the step watching the moonlight when Shelton arrived. She put her fingers to his lips. She told him of the conversation, and, as he was leaving her, whispered, you needn't bid for me."

There was a deal of hemming and hawing in the ensuing conversation. Frank smiled. "I suppose you are jesting, Mr. Hunter?"

"Why, certainly not; it is a large offer—"

"It's ridiculous," said Sheldon. "And if you will excuse me, it is a mistake to think a man a fool because, knowing what he is doing, he settles where he can do it best."

"Well, say two thousand," said Mr. Hunter, while Mr. Sawyer's eyes grew wider.

"Really, Mr. Hunter, I appreciate your kindness, but I am not a person to put up with a minor bid."

"You call two thousand a minor bid," said Mr. Sawyer.

"Of course," said Sheldon, calmly. "In order to shorten this interview, I will name my own terms—a fee of twenty thousand and an equal share in the contingent fund."

"It is preposterous!" cried both together.

"Gentlemen, I bid you good evening," said Sheldon, rising and walking to the door.

"Hold on there," said Mr. Hunter. "I shall certainly hold on to the terms given," Frank said. "Others will pay more."

Mr. Hunter looked at Mr. Sawyer who nodded his head. "Well," he said, "give us a few minutes to think it over." At the end of 10 minutes a knock came at the door. Mr. Hunter turned to Frank and said, "Mr. Sheldon, we accept your terms."

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Six months after he paid another visit to Mr. Sawyer. "Mr. Sawyer, I —" Frank began. "Sheldon, my boy," said Mr. Sawyer, "Edith is in the drawing room. Go to her."—MRS. ALICE J. LESHNER.

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Gooseboné Prophecy.

Samuel T. Christ, of Strausstown Berks county, made his annual prediction of the winter weather from the bone of a goose hatched last spring, and according to the theory of Elias Hartz, the winter will be erratic.

The markings show stormy conditions during the late fall and a severe cold snap about the holidays. This will be followed by a brief spell of mild weather, when severe winter weather will again set in and continue until spring.

The indications are that there will be plenty of snow and an abundance of ice. A blizzard is indicated for February and cold and stormy weather will extend late into March.

The one time a man is sure his wife will listen to him is when he talks in his sleep.

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Of Interest to Women

Women In Journalism—As Exponents On The Press, A Moderate Education Coupled With Common Sense and the Saving Grace of Humor, Suffices for a Beginning.

A woman can enter on journalism more easily than on any other intellectual work. She needs not a college degree. A moderate education suffices for a beginning if she has as its fruit readiness in making a plain statement of fact, common sense, insight, adaptability and the saving grace of humor.

[illegible] she do some newspaper work as well as a man, but she has created lines of work in which she can have no masculine competitors. Still more, the occupation by which she lives enables her often to be a powerful factor in the social uplift. But to the good end she must respect herself and her calling.

We are on the eve of perhaps the most thrilling epoch of our country's history, for now true liberty is menaced by liberty's worst foe—license.

The anarchist has attacked the officer of the law on his hearthstone and has murdered the spokesman of religion at his altar. All the evil things which resent law and order are coming to the light, ready to turn our whole land into a huge Paris of '93.

Believe me, the space heretofore accorded in too many papers to the pleasures and scandals of multimillionairedom will soon be strictly limited in the interest of matters of more urgent import.

And here the conservatism of women in private life and as exponents on the press of all life will be potent in conserving the home and the nation.—Katherine E. Conway.

Hard to Be a Bride.

La Fonde, the first woman's newspaper published in France, has taken up an energetic campaign for equal suffrage. Mme. Marguerite, editor of the paper, points out that French women stand in more need of the ballot than the women of any other civilized country. She says that in France women are in the light of inferior mortals in the eyes of the law, and she attributes to the unequal conditions the complaisant attitude of Paris and other large cities to the social evil. She also protests against the French policy which leaves a girl without chance of marriage unless she has a substantial "dot." She paints a sorrowful picture of the girls in the rural districts working in the fields to earn their "dot," and thereby win their chance of a husband. Such a method she describes as barbaric, and she holds these are only a few of the many grievances which Frenchwomen must move against when they get the ballot.

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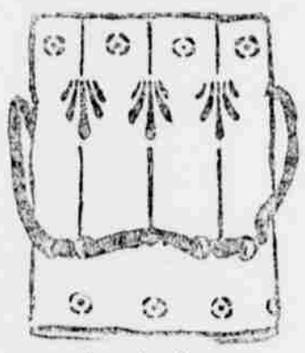

Laundry Bag.

Needlework Notes.

Cretonne with small figures is much used to make covers for books and magazines.

Use tube muslin for pillow cases. It is only necessary to sew one end and hem the other, and the deed is done.

A little tin ruler is much easier to use than the tape measure for the measuring of little things, such as bands, hems and tucks.

If you sew a whalebone up the back of a tape measure for the first ten inches you will have a means at hand to rapidly measure skirt lengths and lines for the trimming.

To prevent the thread from knotting when doing hand sewing always make a knot in the end last broken from the spool. This done, stretch the thread by taking the ends and giving several quick pulls.

As Spanish Women Live.

An American woman has returned from a trip through Spain, and she is the reverse of enthusiastic. She says the women there have a hard dull life, which makes them prematurely old. With the exception of the higher classes, the women do not exchange visits, but live practically isolated in their homes. They do not read books or magaiznes, and their home life is spoiled by the jealousy of their husbands. Finally, the disillusioned traveler says that the Spanish woman simply drops her household work to go to church, and comes home from church to take up the drudgery again.

Art of Bed Making.

If all but the lower sheet of a bed is not tucked under, except at the foot and is then folded neatly over onto the top of the bed, the edges of the covering are spared the usually unavoidable soiling resulting from contact with the springs. When the bed is opened in the evening the lower sheet will not pull out, but will remain as tight as when first tucked in.

SHE SCOFFED AT LOVE

"Love!" she scoffed as they walked along the path beneath the shadows.

Whereupon he suddenly made a gesture of infinite corroboration.

"I hate the word!" she sniffed.

"Love!" he gently scoffed, as gently scoffs the echo.

"Love!" she cried. "Every one always begins talking of love. Oh, if there were only no such thing as love, how much happier we would be! If we could only love each other like children——!"

"Ah yes!" he echoed in a low vibrating tone of ecstasy, "Like children!"

And as she looked at him through the gloom with a maximum of wonder and a modicum of disbelief, he made a polished gesture and continued—

"Ah, yes! Like children! It has always been my wish and my ambition to love like children! What joy to see them at their juvenile sports. Ah, they are the happy days! So young! So innocent! So free from every care!"

And as she peeped around to see his face in the darkness a pussy-willow drew a velvet finger underneath her chin and, when she jumped back with a start of alarm, he caught her grasping hand.

"Like children!" he murmured. "Like children!"

And when she tried to draw her hand away he started swinging it instead.

"Like children!" he gayly repeated. "Ah, that has been my ideal all my life! Like children! But, alas!" and a breeze of sadness swept his tones. "I have not found any one to share my thoughts till now. Till now! Ah, how happy we'll be! We will laugh at care together like children—you and I. Like children, remember! Always like children!"

And silently then they walked along together, hand in hand, and if she gave his hand an occasional answering squeeze, at least it was only perhaps in an infantine sort of way.

"I cut my finger this morning," he smiled at last. "See? Right here. I was shaving and the razor slipped. Right here. Can you see it?"

"Take it away," she cried, holding her head back.

And in the wheedling falsetto of childhood—

"Tiss it!" he implored, "Tiss it and make it well!"

"I'll do no such thing!" she cried with spirit.

"Like children!" he meaningly repeated to her. "Like children, now!"

"Don't be silly," she laughed.

"Like children!" he whisped. "Remember what you said!"

"Don't be silly!" she smiled.

"Like children!" he repeated, "Come!"

"Don't be silly!" she breathed. "There! Now let's walk on!"

"But I cut my lip, too!" he eagerly whispered, holding her hand as she started forward. "Right here! Can you see?"

"No, I can't!" she faintly protested. "And I don't believe you did, either!"

"You're not loking!" he reproached her through the darkness. "Now! Can't you see . . . . . ?"

And as he bent his head a little nearer, and a little nearer and a little nearer, still holding her hand—like children—while the crickets all stopped chirping and the katydids held their breath for very breathlessness, a faint chirp floated upward to the listening ear of night, followed but never quite overtaken by a fainter child-like ejaculation—

"Why-y-y-y-y-y-y-y, Mr. Gobang!"—New York Sun.

Earth as a Food.

The consumption of earth as food is common not only in China, New Caledonia, and New Guinea, but in the Malay Archipelago as well. The testimony of many travelers in the Orient is that the yellow races are especially addicted to the practice. In Java and Sumatra the clay used undergoes a preliminary preparation for consumption, being mixed with water, reduced to a paste, and the sand and other hard substances removed. The clay is then formed into small cakes or tablets as thick as a lead pencil. The Javanese frequently eat small figures roughly modeled from clay which resemble animals or little men, turned out in pastry shops.

Australia's Wild Oysters.

Oysters are sometimes regarded as dangerous but they are not usually considered savage. A Queensland judge, however, has decided that they are wild beasts. Before a royal commission on the pearling industry, which has been sitting at Brisbane, a witness stated that eight years ago he had laid 100,000 shells in the neighborhood of Friday island. The Japanese stole the shells, and the district court judge held that as pearl shell oysters were wild animals there was no penalty for stealing them.

Moral and Material Responsibility.

Private life should be walled in and sacred, but public life has no such right. All public existence created by great public interests creates a responsibility, and this responsibility is moral as well as material. There is no gainsaying this, and all public functionaries admit they are responsible for their personal actions.

The Red Lamp

When Miss Maria became a tenant of the quaint house it was with full knowledge of its ghostly reputation. The bright rays of her red lamp could be seen from the village centre, for the eccentric lady invariably left the shades raised, also the windows unfastened. It appeared that Miss Maria refused to take ordinary precautions to protect her life and property. She was averse to idle gossip, revealed nothing of her past life and encouraged few acquaintances.

One day great excitement reigned in the village. The bank had been robbed; entrance had been obtained by means of an unfastened window. Notices were posted in prominent places, warning householders to unite in efforts to protect property and foil further attempts at thieving.

Miss Penhallow read the posters and continued in her unguarded habit.

In the early part of a certain evening a week after the robbery Miss Maria lingered in the little parlor, her work lying neglected on the table in the full glare of the red lamp, while she harked back in memory to the days of her youth. A miniature of a little lad stood on the high shelf above the brass andirons. The childish face seemed to throb and glow as she held the picture at various angles close to the light from the red lamp.

The little serving maid went on her rounds unheeded, barring the rear entrances, winding the clock, and at last creaked her way to the little attic for the night's repose. Still Miss Penhallow sat alone, with the miniature before her, living in retrospect the scenes of her childhood, scenes in which she and the boy whose picture she cherished had been associated.

For an hour or more she lay awake listening to the ticking of the old clock, which sound echoed and re-echoed through the old house.

Suddenly, just as she was sinking into a delicious dream, in which Rover and she were young again playing pranks together, a step aroused her instantly she was out of bed, enveloped in dressing gown and noiseless slippers, ready to intercept the prowler.

She peered cautiously into the hall, stories of recent burglaries fresh in her memory. From her window she could see the rays of lamp light shining on the lawn. The thief, if thief he were, must be in the parlor she had lately quitted.

So, boldly advancing, Miss Maria flung open the door and received a shock.

A strange man sat at the table, the miniature in his opn hand; the miniature of Roger Penhallow. Could he be a burglar, deterred from robbery by a fancied likeness? Miss Penhallow swallowed a lump of indignation, then exclaimed:

"What do you want?"

The bearded man faced her with equal courage.

"Maria, I don't look much like this picture, yet I'm Roger Penhallow."

Miss Maria clutched the back of a chair. "How can you prove it?"

The stranger pointed to the red lamp, saying, "Father used to read to me every Sunday night under the light of this lamp. It's about the first and only object I remember as a child. There never could be another like it, Maria."

"Then you did try to find me, and are not a burglar by trade?"

"Burglar? What put that notion into your head? I have been searching months for anyone bearing our name. I didn't know who lived here till I saw the lamp through the window. I was sure I had the right house then; and after I crept in and saw this picture all doubt ended. I'm going to stay if you'll find some work for me, Maria. I'm not coming empty-handed, either."—IDA WARREN GOULD.

The Japs and Suicide.

The Japanese system of philosophy teaches that death is the easiest means of escaping from the troubles of life, and, from statistics published in a French economic journal, it is seen that suicide is something appalling, as far as numbers are concerned, in the "Land of the Chrysanthemum." From 1890 to 1897 7,000 cases were recorded; from 1898 to 1902 there were 8,000. In 1903 the number exceeded 9,000, and in 1904 it was 10,000. Sixty per cent. of the victims were men and 40 per cent. women. A comparison is made with other countries. From 1887 to 1901 Denmark showed 253 to the million of people, France, 218; Switzerland, 216; Prussia, 197; Japan, 184; Austria, 159; Belgium, 122; Sweden, 119; Bavaria, 118; England, 80; Norway, 80; Holland, 58; Scotland, 56; Italy, 52, and Ireland, 24. In the majorit yof cases in Japan the age of the victim is fifty and over. The principal causes are mental breakdown, difficulties of life and chronic ill health. May and September show the highest number of these deaths.—Dundee Advertiser.

Takes Pessimistic View.

Dr. J. L. Elliott, associate leader of the Ethical Culture society, is reported to have said recently that "we are getting tired of education as displayed to us by the Yale and Harvard man, Vassar and Bryn Mawr girl. They grate on our nerves and we are beginning to think that it is money not well spent to send our children through college.' With the exception of lawyers and doctors they turn out, he seemed to think the college of little benefit to the man or woman in the process.

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Benton Boro—A. C. Harrison.
Berwick — Joseph Moore, E. C. Moorehead.
Bloomsburg—Wm. Barrett, Jr., F. D. Deutler, R. A. Duffy, Matthias Foust, J. L. Richardson.
Briarcreek—Newman Bowsr, Chas. L. Lowry.
Catawissa Boro—John J. Lewis.
Catawissa Township—Martin Breech
Centralia—Martin Brennen, Jno. J. Laughlin.
Centre—Frank Harris.
Conyngham—Thomas Sheade, Martin Larky, Adam Friday.
Fishingcreek—Harvey Robbins.
Greenwood—Samuel Miller.
Jackson—Wm. Hirleman, N. O. Everhart.
Madison—Wm. E. Kramer.
Mifflin—Henry Nuss, W. P. Hetler, Wesley Hetler.
Millville—J. W. Biddle, Les Davis, Wm. Confer.
Mt Pleasant—Geo. Whitenight.
Pine—Daniel Ludwig.
Sugarloaf—Frank Mather.
West Berwick— B. F. Hartman, Walter A. Hughes, D. B. Beck, M. H. Bachman.

Height of Waves.

Electric waves measured by Hertz—and named after him—were found by the great scientist to be 150 feet from the top of one wave to the top of the next. The waves used by Marconi in telegraphing across the Atlantic are much longer. They are said to be 600 feet or more. They travel at the same speed as light, 184,000 miles a second. But the light wave measures only a few millionths of an inch.

Decidedly Rattled.

Of an Irishman, named Dogherty, a speaker of rare eloquence, the following amusing story is told: After one of his speeches he asked Canning what he thought of it. "The only fault I could find in it," Canning answered, "was that you called the speaker, 'Sir' too often." "My dear friend," said Dogherty, "if you knew the state I was in while speaking, you would not wonder if I had called him 'Ma'am!'"

Mail Bags Spread Tuberculosis.

Letters and mail bags are carriers of tuberculosis. According to testimony recently given before the postal commission of the British empire, during the last 20 years 80 per cent. of the deaths among letter sorters had been due to consumption, contracted by the men after they had entered the service.

The Philosopher of Folly.

"Why is it," asks the Philosopher of Folly, "that after a fellow has taken a week off, he always wakes up with the feeling that he is about to be evicted and arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses?"

Time.

"It's a sort o' curious," said Uncle Jerry Peebles; "but when a man is workin' for another man he's always a wantin' to go and see the ball game. When he's workin' on his own time he gets stingy with it and can't spare it."

Not Finished.

"Americans are so unfinished," has been the complaint of Europeans. We are and glad of it. Yankees are startling the world with their achievements and will, we believe, stick to the habit.

Uneasy Lies the Head, Etc.

"When you feels a hankerin' foh great authority, son," said Uncle Eben, "do a little preliminary practiciticin' as a baseball umpire an' see whether you really enjoys it."

Trolley Time Tables.

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*7.20	1.00	8.00
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8.00	1.00	8.00
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Paper Mill.....	9 14	2 52	6 29	6 26
Light Street.....	9 18	2 55	6 34	6 00
Orangeville.....	9 26	3 03	6 43	6 54
Forks.....	9 36	3 13	6 53	7 08
Zaners.....	10 40	18 17	6 57	7 15
Stillwater.....	9 48	3 25	7 03	7 30
Benton.....	9 56	3 33	7 13	8 10
Edsons.....	10 09	18 37	7 17	8 20
Coles Creek.....	10 03	18 40	7 21	8 26
Laubachs.....	10 08	18 45	7 31	8 35
Grass Mere Park.....	10 10	18 47	7 33	...
Central.....	10 15	3 52	7 41	8 52
Jamison City.....	10 18	3 55	7 45	9 00

SOUTHWARD.

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Central.....	5 53	10 51	4 38	7 03	11 30
Grass Mere Park	16 01	11 00	14 47	17 12	...
Laubachs.....	16 03	11 02	14 48	17 13	11 38
Coles Creek.....	16 12	11 06	14 53	17 20	11 45
Edsons.....	16 14	11 09	14 56	17 24	11 50
Benton.....	6 18	11 13	5 00	7 28	12 25
Stillwater.....	6 28	11 21	5 08	7 38	12 35
Zaners.....	16 35	11 29	15 17	17 45	12 43
Forks.....	6 39	11 33	5 21	7 49	12 50
Orangeville.....	6 50	11 42	5 31	8 00	1 10
Light Street.....	7 00	11 50	5 39	8 10	1 22
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ILLEGAL HUNTERS LOSE DEER.

Judge Savidge Confiscates a Deer and Presents it to Hospital.

Judge C. R. Savidge, of Sunbury has turned his attention from judicial to executive activities in a remarkable way. While hunting for deer in the haunts of the Blue Ridge, his party came upon a number of hunters who had accidentally or intentionally shot a doe.

Knowing full well the severe penalty imposed for this transgression of the game laws, they fled and left the dead animal behind. Judge Savidge secured a game warden and told him what had happened. Then with the warden's authority, he took the doe to Sunbury. He carted it himself in a wheelbarrow to a butcher shop, had it dressed and sent it out to the Mary M. Packer hospital, at which place the delicate meat was served to the convalescing patients.

Consequently, although the law was broken, the transgressors did not reap the benefit of their crime while real good was done by turning the deer over to the hospital.

The law provides that where a deer is killed accidentally in violation of the law, it shall be turned over to a charitable institution.

Nation Employs 370,065.

The personnel of Uncle Sam's establishment is increasing by leaps and bounds, the total of all federal employes at present being 370,065, as against 306,141 in 1907, an increase in the two years of about 64,000 persons, or about 20 per cent.

These and other interesting facts are brought out in the official register, or government "blue book," for 1909, which shortly will be issued by Director of the Census Durand.

The new publication will show that there were 28,947 persons in the federal employ in Washington on July 1st last, the annual pay roll of them being $31,541,255, an average of nearly $1,100 each. This total will be temporarily swollen next year by the addition of about 3,000 persons to the clerical force of the Census Bureau, adding nearly $5,000,000 in salaries during their appointment.

Thunderstruck Indeed!

While on his travels, he was thunderstruck at receiving from his wife a telegram which ran as follows:

Twins this morning. More later.
—*December Lippincott's.*

EARTH IN PATH OF COMET.

Will Pass Through Gases of the Tail on May 18 Next.

"Halley's comet will not only pass across the face of the sun on May 18, but the earth will pass through the tail of the comet," said Director Edward Charles Pickering of the Harvard university observatory the other day. "The tail of the comet is made up of gases—acetylene, carbonic and several others. The gas will be rarefied, so that we shall not perceive it. In case these gases were apparent to the people the result would be very disagreeable.

"In 1860, when another comet was passing, there was a great display of shooting stars. We may have such a manifestation when Halley's comet passes us.

"The comet called Halley's comes near the sun every seventy five years or so. Scientists knew that the comet was due next spring. The matter, then, was precisely as if we knew where a railroad was, but didn't know where the train was on the track. So the several astronomers began to watch for the comet and to figure what time it would arrive at the sun station, so to speak. The Rev. Father G. H. Searle calculates that the comet will cross the sun's face May 18, and, as he is a careful observer, his calculations are probably correct."

Learn to Govern Your Troubles.

No matter how your heart aches, learn to greet everybody with a smile, with a sweet, cheerful expression. If you cannot get rid of your troubles, do not parade them, do not peddle them out. The people you are tempted to load with your own may have all they can bear of their own.

I once knew a woman who got into such a habit of telling her troubles to everybody that she could not restrain herself even when people went to her for sympathy in sorrow. Her own aches and pains, her own losses and sorrows, took precedence of everything else. No matter what others might be suffering, they must stop and listen to her tale of woe. She never allowed an opportunity to tell somebody of her troubles to pass unimproved. This became such a confirmed habit with her that when she got old, even people who felt kindly toward her avoided her.

A perfect contrast to this woman is a very sweet, charming old lady whose life has been full of trouble but who has a way of covering it up so that one who did not know of her circumstances would never dream that she had any troubles. She knows how to hide her aches and pains, to conceal the thorn that is pricking her, and to keep unpleasant things to herself.

It is a great thing to learn to hide our aches and pains, to keep to ourselves unpleasant things—things which would project disagreeable, discouraging pictures into the minds of others.—*Success.*

"More men are killed as the result of playing football in one year than are killed in labor troubles," says John Mitchell.

Can anyone arise and present a valid excuse why anyone should be killed from either cause?

For Coughs—Take This

Do you know a remedy for coughs and colds nearly seventy years old? There is one—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Once in the family, it stays. It is not a doctor, does not take the place of a doctor. It is a doctor's aid. Made for the treatment of all throat and lung troubles. Ask your own doctor his opinion of it. Follow his advice. No alcohol in this cough medicine. *J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.*

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1909.

Washington is busy in the preparation for the Congressional session, the advent of the crowd that always comes with Congress and also the Waterway Improvement Convention which is expected in a few days. Some of the delegates have already arrived and the Convention will be the largest of its kind ever assembled in this country.

The President, of course, is busy with his message to Congress. He has deferred it to the last moment. His predecessors were in the habit of having the message prepared weeks beforehand and spending days in revision after consultation with the members of their cabinets and other trusted political advisers. President Taft is nothing if not offhand, and it is doubtful if he ever spends a sleepless night in the preparation of a message or speech. He, however, has no lack of assistance with regard to those important National questions and measures which his message to Congress will emphasize and recommend. Among other recommendations, it is given out, will be the one in regard to the change of the Government of the District of Columbia. As is well-known the District Government has been for years in the hands of three commissioners appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate; but recently there have been disagreements and bickerings among the triumvirate which has ruled the District and the citizens of the Greater Washington, as it may be called, are clamorous for a Government with a single head supported by a corps of advisors, some of whom at least, it is recommended, shall be chosen by an electorate of qualified citizens. Universal suffrage is not desired by any responsible person in Washington. The city had a taste of universal suffrage, which meant government by refugee negroes thirty or more years ago and does not wish to repeat the experiment. The same negroes and progeny remain and are no better qualified for administrative functions than they were then.

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There has been considerable talk recently about the extension of the territory of the District of Columbia so as to take in Alexandria and portions of Virginia which were at one time a part of the District. The re-annexing of portions of Alexandria County is not a local question but will affect the State of Virginia. The reason for re annexation lies mainly in the condition of the Potomac River flats and swamps unreclaimed which affect the health and appearance of the city of Washington.

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The advance guard of the National Waterway Improvement Congress is already present in Washington. The session will convene at the New Willard Hotel next week. The delegates who are here report that public opinion is rapidly forming in favor of the policy for the development of the waterways of the United States. This Congress was organized nearly twelve years ago and has grown gradually until today every section of the United States has its organization and will have representatives in the forthcoming Convention which will be National in its scope. Governor Hughes expressed himself, recently addressing the Convention of the New York State Waterways Association, when he said the State should control these undeveloped water powers and develop them for the benefit of all the people in perpetuity so no individual or selfish hand can control the sources of industrial power. This Convention cannot adjourn without bringing up the questions which have agitated the opposing Pinchot and Ballinger policies and, although Mr. Ballinger has, apparently, hedged in his recent report and is to all appearances earnest in his advocacy of the preservation of the natural resources of the country, it is felt by those who represent the Roosevelt-Pinchot policy that the preservation they recommend is much broader and more radical than any ever contemplated by Mr. Ballinger.

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The Department of Justice has under consideration a proposal that the Government shall enter suit against the State of Colorado to recover the value of 35,000 acres of mineral land which, it is said, passed into State control by fraud. Also, that the Attorney-General is preparing a suit claiming three millions of dollars from the American Smelting and Refining Co., of Colorado, of which Daniel Guggenheim is president. It is evident that there is going to be great activity, or, at least, a great appearance of activity, by this administration in pursuit of trusts which it appears have in some way secured valuable franchises or concessions without any adequate return or consideration to the Government.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

SHOP EARLY.

Do Your Christmas Buying Now, and Avoid the Final Rush.

There are a number of good reasons why buying Christmas presents early is a good plan. For one thing, the purchaser will, in all likelihood, make a better selection if buying is gone about leisurely. In the next place, the purse is apt to stand the strain better if the shopping is distributed over a long period of time. Last and most important there is avoided some of the inevitable crush which comes at the Christmas holidays, and what makes the season so painful a one for those who have to wait on the crowds.

No one anticipates that "buying early" will do away altogether with the excitement of Christmas shopping, and no one would like to see that done, but in recent years it has been strongly borne in upon humane persons that thoughtlessness and lack of consideration on the part of the public were imposing hardships upon storekeepers and their employes which they ought not to be compelled to endure.

It is possible in the few weeks which now remain between this time and when the season of active buying by most persons begins, for those who can do so to relieve the pressure greatly. Testimony to the effect that the early shopping movement has borne good fruit has been convincing, and there should be no discontinuation of it.

The Unpopular Queen of Italy.

"Queen Elena of Italy," says Kellogg Durland in *Woman's Home Companion* for December, "is one of the most unpopular queens in Europe. Her court, which, to meet the tastes of her people, should be bright, popular, brilliant, is really the dullest, the most stupid in the Western world. I have lived in many countries, and I am more or less familiar with all the courts of Europe, but never have I heard a queen so universally spoken of with disrespect and disapproval by her own court. Queen Elena, in an American phrase, 'plays to the gallery,' then retires. She garners the wheat and ignores the chaff. She is quick to figure in dramatic exploits, but reluctant to submit to the daily grind.

"Rightly or wrongly, Queen Elena has the reputation among her own people for being the stingiest queen in Europe. Apparently this is true. She patronizes almost nothing at all regularly, and if once in a while she lends her name to appear on a public bill, it usually means this and nothing more. As far as is known, she gives less to charity, in proportion to her means, than any queen. If the world at large appreciated to what extent she has carried her ideas of simplicity in dress, the glamour that surrounds her would fade. It is impossible to worship a dowd—especially if she be a queen, with all the splendor and taste of the world at her hand.

"I have seen her driving in the Campagna, or even through the streets of Rome, when I would never have believed her the occupant of her exalted position had I not known her. One need not be extravagant in clothes to be tasteful. Here she is in unfortunate contrast to the queen mother who, still living in Rome, is always exquisitely gowned, and no matter how simply always with unerring taste."

No More New Orleans Molasses?

Iconoclasm is rampant in the Agricultural Department and the referee board is asked to wipe out the term "New Orleans molasses." It is declared that nothing can be found in the market which bears the least resemblance to what once was known as New Orleans molasses. It is explained that molasses-making processes have been revolutionized and that now three different grades of syrup are made where before but one existed.

As an offset to this contention legal authorities assert that any molasses made in Louisiana should be entitled to the name New Orleans molasses. Manufacturers outside the state seek to do away with that time honored designation, and the trouble comes from this trade rivalry.

You can't flatter a homely woman by telling her she is clever unless she isn't.

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Legal advertisements on page 8.

Hon. Grant Herring delivered the memorial address at the Elks' Lodge in Sunbury last Sunday.

By the recent Act of Assembly, it will be necessary to pay cash for road tax instead of working it out.

Allen's Lung Balsam

will cure not only a fresh cold, but one of those stubborn coughs that usually hang on for months. Give it a trial and prove its worth. 25c. 50c. and 1.00. 25 4t

Plans for a new sewage system for Danville have been sent to the State department of health for approval.

Senator Penrose has invested in a pleasure yacht. Maybe he intends to float a few new political schemes in it.

When Rubbers Become Necessary

And your shoes pinch, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes, is just the thing to use. Try it for Breaking in New Shoes. Sold Everywhere, 25c. DON'T ACCEPT ANY SUBSTITUTE. 11 25 4t

The new fire escapes and widened exits of the Columbia Theatre have been completed, increasing the safety of the building.

Mrs. Carrie Nation is still on the job. She was arrested yesterday in Washington for indiscriminate use of her hatchet in the Union Station restaurant.

Coroner Robert J. Brennan has appointed former coroner Dr. Sharpless, of Catawissa, as his deputy, and will appoint a second deputy in a few days.

No Backache or Kidney Pains.

If you have pains in the back, urinary, bladder or kidney trouble, dizziness and lack of energy, try Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN-LEAF, the pleasant herb cure. As a regulator it has no equal. At Druggists, or by mail, 50c. Ask to-day. SAMPLE FREE. Address The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y. 11 25 4t

The fish-basket season in Pennsylvania closed on Monday, and fish-basket owners who do not dismantle their traps within six days will be liable to a fine and costs.

The congregation of a Baptist church at Evansville, Ind., have opened a grocery store and meat market to pay off a $4000 debt.

Good way to meat a debt, isn't it?

Dr. Driver, in his lecture at the Normal last week stated that he had been told by Marie Correlli that the original of the Norse girl in her novel "Thelma", was Queen Alexandra, of England.

The Rev. I. M. Patterson, formerly of the Presbyterian church, of Bloomsburg, now pastor emeritus of the Walton Avenue Presbyterian church of Trenton, celebrated his fiftieth year in the ministry last week.

MANY A DAY IS SPOILED

By a cough which cannot be broken by ordinary remedies. But why not try a medicine that will cure any cough that any medicine can cure? That is Kemp's Balsam. It is recommended by doctors and nurses, and it costs only 25 cents at any druggist's or dealer's. Keep a bottle always in the house and you will always be prepared to treat a cold or cough before it causes any suffering at all.

Dr. W. P. Eveland, former pastor of the Bloomsburg Methodist church, and now president of Dickinson Seminary of Williamsport, gave his annual dinner to the seminary football team last Thursday evening.

The Phillips Studio is a busy place these days. However there is still opportunity for Christmas pictures, if you do not delay much longer, and they will be finished up for you in time, regardless of weather conditions.

Children Cry

FOR FLETCHER'S

CASTORIA

Six hundred cases and many barrels of whiskey sank in the Mississippi near Glen Mary, Kentucky, when a steamer went down.

No doubt river water will be a popular drink in that vicinity for a few days.

Boston's Grand Jury will investigate a charge that several hundred names were forged to the nomination papers of Mayoralty Candidate Hadlock.

The staid old Hub seems to have learned Philadelphia tricks.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., post office: Mrs. William Baker, Mr. Jay H. Kitchen, Mrs. J. H. Dillman, Signor Cornabene Talvatore, Cards, Mr. Louis M. Fischer, Mr. Earl Girton, Mr. Charles Fullmer, Miss Helen Johnson, Mr. James Gallager, Miss Sarah Robins.

A $1,000,000 physical laboratory, the finest in the country, is to be given the University of Chicago by President Ryerson.

Another illustration of the principle that "to him that hath more shall be given." Why doesn't somebody fling some cash at the smaller institutions once in awhile?

The work on Ralph G. Phillips' new house at Fifth and Jefferson streets, is progressing rapidly. It is to be of the cottage style, brown stained shingles on the sides, and a green shingled roof. There will be a large stone chimney. It will be unique, and of a different type from any house in town. Veris Ritter, of town, is the architect. A firm from Jersey Shore are the builders.

First trying to strangle himself, then cutting his throat with a razor, Charles Scheffer, an unemployed New York salesman, finally ended his life by lying face down in a bath tub of water.

This fellow seems to have been rather versatile in the art of killing, but if he had just gone to Illinois and killed someone else he would have been aided considerably by the populace in stringing himself over a tree.

ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Elks held a memorial service in their rooms on Sunday at which one hundred members were present.

Clyde C. Yetter, Esquire, gave a memorial address, and John G. Harman, Esquire, delivered a eulogy.

WILL MOVE TO BLOOM.

John N. Hummer of Berwick is selling his household goods at his residence, No. 917 West Front street, Berwick, this afternoon. Mr. Hummer's health is not good, and he and Mrs. Hummer will move to Bloomsburg, and reside with their son, De Forest J. Hummer.

SELLING OUT.

Raybold Sisters are closing out there entire stock of millinery goods regardless of cost, as they will close out their business here. They have trimmed hats, shapes, flowers, feathers, wings, &c. Here is a chance to save money, at 344 Market street.

VETERANS' BANQUET.

Columbia and Montour County members of the Union Veteran Legion held their annual banquet last evening at the Central Hotel. There was a large attendance of the surviving members. The banquet last year was held at the City Hotel, Danville.

COMMISSIONER LENHART ILL.

County Commissioner C. Fred Lenhart is confined to his home in Berwick with typhoid fever. His many friends hope for his speedy recoeery.

S. B. & B. IN TROUBLE.

The Susquehanna, Bloomsburg and Berwick Railroad had more than its share of misfortune on Monday. Two wrecks completetely tied up traffic and made no end of trouble. A passenger train was caught between the two scenes of accident, and was kept there till the following day.

A broken axle caused the wreck of a freight train near the Bloom poor farm shortly before noon, and piled the cars up helter skelter.

A few hours later a broken rail in front of Sands' store at Mordansville caused four cars to leave the track.

A passenger train, bound for Berwick, was tied up between these two places, and the passengers had to hit the ties.

The section gang, handicapped by two wrecks, had their hands full, and were further hindered by a hand car, loaded with rails, jumping the track and going into the creek.

It was late on Tuesday before the road was opened up.

This was not the end of the trouble, for yesterday, within twelve hours after the other wrecks had been cleared up, a third accident occured.

Three cars loaded with steel rails left the track near Mordansville because of a defective rail and the track was torn up for a considerable distance. All traffic was held up again, but the wrecking crew expects to have the road open today.

SANTA CLAUS HAD A BUSY TIME.

If Santa Claus has as busy a time of it for the next couple of weeks as he did at the R. E. Hartman Store on Monday afternoon, he'll feel like the breakup of a hard winter by the time December twenty-sixth comes around. From two till five o'clock he dealt out candy boxes to the youngsters at a speed that would have made an aeroplane feel like a snail.

Did anyone suspect that there was race suicide in Bloomsburg? Well, there isn't. All afternoon Bloomsburg's future councilmen and suffragettes poured into the store to strike Saint Nick for a handout, and they all got it—a cardboard box filled with candy and peanuts. The pavement in front of the store looked like the Atlantic City boardwalk on Baby Show day, and the store basement sounded like a nursery. If the old gentleman with the red nose and the rotund corporation has to be on the job like this for sixteen more days, Heaven help him!

DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

The School Directors of the county met in annual session in the Court House last Thursday. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings were very interesting.

The meeting opened with devotional exercise by Rev. Mr. Bachman of Locust township. After reading of the minutes of last year, the President, J. H. Eisenhaur, read his address.

Addresses were made by Supt. Evans, Dr. Aley, Dr. Pattingill. Various subjects of interest to the schools were discussed, in which W. C. Hostler, A. S. Fritz, Dr. L. B. Kline, Prof. L. P. Sterner, Rev. Mr. Bachman, Rush Creasy and others participated.

PURSEL'S OPENING.

In three weeks and a day after the destruction of his store, F. P. Pursel opened a new store in the Robbins building, below the Square on last Thursday.

All the goods in the store are new, and it required much lively hustling to get together such a stock, including dry goods, groceries, shoes, ladies' coats and suits, &c. For lack of room no furniture will be kept at present.

On the opening day the store was crowded, and a lively trade has continued since, showing the popularity of the Pursel stores.

FIRE NEAR TWIN HILLS.

The residence of Mrs. Harriet Girton, situated about a mile north of the Twin Hills, on the road to Danville, was destroyed by fire about one o'clock Tuesday morning, as a result of a defective flue. The flames had gained such headway before they were discovered, that Mrs. Girton was forced to run from the house in her night clothes. Nothing was saved.

Mrs. Girton is seventy years old, and lived alone. The house belonged to her son, Perry Girton. The loss is about two thousand dollars.

The Coldest Weather.

This morning at 7 o'clock the thermometer stood at 12 above zero. This is the coldest day of the season thus far.

DOCTORS FAILED. RESTORED BY PERUNA.

Catarrh of the Lungs Threatened Her Life.

Miss Ninette Porter, Braintree, Vermont, writes: "I have been cured by Peruna.

"I had several hemorrhages of the lungs. The doctors did not help me much and would never have cured me.

"I saw a testimonial in a Peruna almanac of a case similar to mine, and I commenced using it.

"I was not able to wait on myself when I began using it. I gained very slowly at first, but I could see that it was helping me.

"After I had taken it a while I commenced to raise up a stringy, sticky substance from my lungs. This grew less and less in quantity as I continued the treatment.

"I grew more fleshy than I had been for a long time, and now I call myself well."

SENTENCES OF THE COURT.

At yesterdays session of criminal court Kilton, the colored man with no hands, was convicted of assault and battery, and was sentenced to pay costs, a twenty five dollar fine, and to serve ninety days in the jail.

Matsko and Czap two of the men who were acquitted of jail breaking, were sentenced to one year each in jail on the charge of assault with intent to kill. A fine of two hundred dollars, and the costs were likewise imposed upon them.

HOTEL LEE CHANGES HANDS.

Irvin A. Snyder, the well-known landlord, has taken possession of Hotel Lee at the corner of Main and Railroad streets, succeeding Thomas B. Brittain. Mr. Snyder has had long experience in the business, and will no doubt secure a good share of the public patronage.

Hotel Lee is a new building, newly furnished in modern style, and enjoys the reputation of a first class hostelrie.

CRAFTSMAN CLUB PLAYS FIVE HUNDRED.

Nine tables in the club rooms in the Cathedral were surrounded by members of the Craftsman Club on Monday evening when a five hundred seance held forth from half past eight till eleven thirty. C. Thomas Vanderslice ran up the high score, 4680, and was presented with a box of cigars.

The Great American Play "Paid in Full."

At the Columbia Theatre Tuesday evening, December 14th the Wagenhals & Kemper Company will offer Eugene Walter's celebrated play of present day American life "Paid in Full," a drama whose tremendous success and extraordinary popularity have made a sensational chapter in theatrical history. The record of "Paid in Full," beginning with the night it awoke New York to highest enthusiasm, places it far and away in the lead of any play this country has seen. After that notable opening in New York when a critical first night audience was aroused to cheers, "Paid in Full" remained two years on Broadway. Summer did not check its run. It is the only play without music that has ever had a continuous summer run in New York. So exceptional was its popularity that last year the Wagenhals & Kemper Co. had five companies presenting it in all parts of the country. Each of these companies appeared at different times in Greater New York where every return engagement of the play proved afresh that "Paid in Full" was the biggest drawing attraction in the metropolis. Each time it came back it repeated its enormous hit. Again this season the same five companies are continued. Never before has any play been acted by so many. This fact alone stamps "Paid in Full" as the greatest play of the age. It is a masterpiece. It rings true and drives home. There is vigor in every word and movement, there is virile, pulsing life. The characters are men and women we recognize, with whom we come in daily contact, their lives are such as we understand. Therein lies the play's amazing hold. It depicts with striking realism and vividness persons and conditions close to us, of which we have direct understanding. The engagement in this city is the most notable thus far announced for the season, and it will attract even the most infrequent patrons of the theatre.

Baptist Evangelistic Services.

The First Baptist church of Bloomsburg is holding evangelistic services during all of this week, at which the Rev. G. D. Brookes, of Calvary church, Williamsport, is preaching.

Large congregations have been enjoying the services.

IN COURT.

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for the appointment of a master to take testimony.

Geo. W. Sterner was appointed tipstaff to wait upon the Grand Jury.

On motion of James L. Evans, Esq., Alex. Jackson, Esq., was continued as master in the divorce proceedings of Bliven vs. Bliven.

C. E. Kreisher, Esq., presented his report as auditor in the estate of Hester Barton, deceased, and it was confirmed nisi.

On presentation of a petition by Mr. Kreisher, Wm. Vastine, of Catawissa, was appointed guardian of Effie and Guy Eveland, minor children of Daniel Eveland, late of Locust township, deceased.

The viewers on a public road in Scott township were upon motion of John G. Harman, Esq., continued until next term.

The order of sale in the Leader estate was on motion of L. C. Mensch, Esq., continued over the term.

E. J. Flynn, Esq., presented the petition of Geo. W. Weller, guardian of the three minor children of Michael Bass, late of Conyngham township deceased, for permission to pay to the mother of the children the amount in his hands. It was represented that Mrs. Bass was a Russian and desired to take her children and return to her native land where she claimed she had relatives and could live more cheaply. She was very poor and the children were too young to assist her and this was the only way out of the difficulty. It was shown that the amount due each of the children was about $150, and after considering the matter the Court granted the petition.

Upon a petition granted by John G. Harman, Esq., and after hearing the evidence of I. A. Snyder, E. P. Williams and C. B Ent, the license for Hotel Lee on West Main street, Bloomsburg, was transferred to I. A. Snyder.

The civil list was called over and out of the 33 cases on the list, 8 were marked for trial, and it is possible that some of these will not be ready as they were marked for trial by the Court, the counsel not being in court.

GIRLS.

Filled with the same vivacity and good humor, "Girls," the clever Clyde Fitch comedy will be presented at the Columbia Theatre for a return engagement of one night, Friday, December 10th, and will doubtless make as big a hit as it did last season.

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OUR EYES CAN'T STAND THE PACE

Alarming Amount of Harm Done to Them by Auto Speeding and Moving Pictures

COMPLAINT IS CALLED PICTURITIS

Headache and Nervousness Attributed to the Ocular Strain of Watching a Succession of Quickly Changing Scenes.

According to observers there is a new eye complaint developing in New York City, says the Sun, which for want of a better name is called picturitis. It is a result of the popularity of moving picture entertainments.

Thousands of men, women and children now patronize the moving picture shows which offer half an hour's entertainment for a nickel. Some visit two or three different shows in one evening and so spend practically an hour or an hour and a half in a darkened room looking intently at the jumping, rapidly shifting pictures on the screen.

The light on these pictures is uneven, and frequently sharp flashes of light fall on the retina. The effect on the eye is the same as watching steadily nearby scenery from the window of a rapidly moving express train or from a flying automobile, which is known to be very trying on the eye because of the rapid changes on muscular accommodation demanded.

To many watching these moving pictures causes discomfort. A few minutes of it gives them a sensation of eye strain and nervous headache. Others feel the effect of the strain afterward and do not attribute their sensations to the entertainment.

One physician in speaking of the records of recent physical examinations of men who wished to do gymnastic work said he had observed a number of cases of eye strain and of nervousness which seemed to be due to some eye trouble.

"In a number of cases," said he, "the condition could be traced directly to the fact that the subject owned an atuomobile and was fond of driving at a high speed. In many other cases, the majority in fact, the men never used automobiles and their only travel was in the elevated or subway trains. Some of them were fond of moving pictures.

"On talking with them about it I discovered that the trouble was directly due to this cause. It is certainly the only plausible explanation.

"I am not in a position to state that moving pictures are harmful in all cases, as I have not collected sufficient data to form definite conclusions. I can say, however, that the strain on the eye from speeding in an automobile does lead to nervous derangements and a lowered physical tone.

"This is due partly to the constant strain and responsibility people driving at a high speed are under. But much of it is due to eye strain coming from watching fences and trees and nearby objects flitting by at a rate of fifty or sixty miles an hour.

"The rapid rate at which moving pictures jiggle before the eyes, coupled with the fact that the light must necessarily be less than that of daylight and the nearness of the pictures to the spectator, produces a condition even worse for the eye than speeding at a seventy mile clip in a car.

"Certainly such conditions are not normal ones for the eye. Of course when we come to that the extensive use of artificial illumination, reading at night and using the eyes after dark in intricate processes are not natural. Primitive man did his work by daylight, and slept at night. And probably to the fact that at night he had no electric lights and no finely printed newspapers and books to read was due the other fact that he could see much better in the dark than the average city man of to-day. As it is the countryman of to-day can get around far better without light at night than the city man.

"This moving picture habit, which subjects the eyes to high power illumination broken into instants of alternating light and shade, certainly cannot be restful or beneficial to the eyes. Personally I find any long view of these pictures very uncomfortable, and I know of many who complain that they produce unpleasant ocular sensations."

Paper Garments.

A manufacturing house makes light, strong paper garments for hospital use—buttons and cloth edges. There are paper bottles. Paper horseshoes more durable and lighter than steel, stuck on with cement, not nailed. Thus it is invention, not pity and prayer, that relieves the pain and thraldom of man and beast. Paper reinforced with wire mesh makes houses, boats, hospitals, etc.; is fireproof, water-proof, heat and cold proof. As for the rest, the police, not thick fortified house walls, should protect us. The living dead man builds his house of rock like his ancestor when hedged around and surrounded with enemies to assure fortification. Make the police do this work.

Ills of Doctors.

A sanatorium for doctors is in Marienbad. Gout, rheumatism, fatness and heart disease are the main troubles treated.

Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

GERMANY'S TOMBOY PRINCESS.

Grand Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin Doesn't Overlook Opportunities for Fun.

All England is wondering what Anastasia, grand duchess of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, is going to do next. Probably there isn't any other member of a royal family in the continent who keeps the German court in such a state of anxiety.

Nevertheless the people love her and have christened her "The Tomboy Princess."

The grand duchess simply doesn't care a big fig for conventionality, and everybody knows it. Playing at Monte Carlo and motoring home in the wee small hours with a meddly assortment of companions, frequenting Parisian cafes chantants entirely unchaperoned, entering local tennis tournaments under an assumed name, taking motor boat trips with her cousin unattended even by a maid, and wearing trousers in public are only a few of the many pranks in which this royal princess has indulged at different times. They serve, however, to explain how she gained for herself the nickname.

Grand Duchess Anastasia.

Despite these unusual phases of temperament, the grand duchess has many redeeming qualities. She is intensely charitable, and generous-hearted to a fault. She is brilliant and fascinating, and, though she loves fun, and knows how to get it, it is said that when all is said and done her gravest faults have been breaches of custom and tradition rather than of morality.

CLASSIFYING COEDS.

Each Sex Conspicuous in the Study of Certain Subjects.

What are called practical subjects occupy the young men at the University of Wisconsin, while the maidens seem more and more to monopolize the humanities. On the broad steps of the Engineering Building, for example, you never see a mingling of the sexes; always a crowd of youths waiting for their classes to begin and now and then relieving their feelings by chanting college anthems.

Over against them, across the campus on the steps of the Law Building is another crowd of boys who now and then well defiance at the future engineers. On the other hand literature, poetry, art, the culture languages, the more humane and refining elements of learning, draw a great preponderance of girls, so that they often outnumber the boys in these classes by three or four to one, and some of these classes tend to become exclusively female.

Then there are debatable subjects, such as European and American history, where the numbers are more nearly equal, and on this neutral territory a fierce and memorable storm raged about a year ago. It was suggested that where the classes were so large as to be unwieldy and where the numbers of the young men and maidens were fairly equal it might be at once practicable and desirable if the classes were divided into two sections according to sex, each sex having a class to itself. This, it was thought, might make for more concentration and better results might be obtained.

"I believe," says a writer in Harper's Weekly, "that this seemingly harmless and perhaps really useful idea aroused a storm of opposition, not so much from the youths and maidens as from their parents, who denounced the practice as un-American and undemocratic. All of which shows that much depends on the point of view. As the parents represent the people of the State of Wisconsin and as the university belongs to the people of the State this view naturally prevailed and no further efforts at segregation were made."

Odd Experience of Deaf Woman.

Philadelphia physicians tell a remarkable story of a woman almost deaf and living alone in a cottage on the shore of Hampton Roads. A friend called one afternoon, and a battleship lying at anchor began to fire a salute of ten guns. The windows rattled with each report and the house shook. The woman mistook the booming. She waited until the firing ceased, then brushed her hair back with old-fashioned care, smoothed her dress in expectation of another visitor, and in a sweet voice said, "Come in."

Lucinda's Experiences

"My new suit hadn't come home yet," said Lucinda, "and here it was Friday afternoon and I was going away Saturday and I wanted it.

"It was originally promised me for Thursday, but it didn't come, and so naturally I was disturbed over it, and on Friday morning I telephoned about it. They told me that it would certainly be delivered that Friday, you understand, afternoon.

"But Friday afternoon went by and Friday evening, and the suit hadn't come, and then really I began to get anxious; and on Saturday morning I telephoned again about it. And that sure did surprise them. Why, they said, they had delivered my suit yesterday, and wait a minute they said, they would call up their delivery department, which they did, and in a minute they told me that their delivery department said they certainly had delivered my suit to me yesterday, Friday afternoon.

"So then I said wait a minute and I called up our hallboy and asked him if there was anything downstairs for me and he said no, and when I got the store again, to tell them that the suit has certainly not been received, the store people were still more surprised and very seriously interested. Here was a question involving a suit of some value that was now missing and involving also the business methods of their delivery department. They said that that suit was delivered at my house between 6 and 7 o'clock the previous evening, and that the manager of their delivery department was coming right up to see me, bringing with him the wagon boy who had brought the box into the house.

"By this time it had come to be about 9 o'clock—it was now Saturday morning, you remember—and ordinarily our night elevator boy would have been gone, but fortunately he had been detained, and now we got into communication with him and explained the situation to him and got him to wait.

"When the delivery manager came he didn't talk much, but he was calm and straightforward and evidently desirous to set things right. Of course he was deeply concerned, but he was there to get the facts. We stood around in a little circle in our parlor, mother and sister and the delivery manager and the wagon boy and I, and talked it over, and when the manager asked the wagon boy if it was here he delivered the package he said it was; that the wagon got here about twenty minutes past 6 and that he brought the package in and set it down in the hall downstairs by the elevator boy.

"Then we called up our night elevator boy and he joined the circle, standing up very straight. And he looked at the wagon boy and the wagon boy looked at him and then says the manager to the wagon boy:

"'Is that the boy you left the package with?' and the wagon boy looked at our elevator boy and said:

"'It is.'

"'You never left it with me,' said our boy; and then the two boys stood and looked at each other, and the rest of us, everybody silent now, stood and loked at them. It was just like a scene from a play.

"'Don't you suppose he could have left it next door?' suggested somebody. The house next door has an entrance somewhat similar to ours.

"'Go and see,' said the manager to the wagon boy; and while he was gone we all stood just the same with nobody saying a word, and in about two minutes the boy was back and sister let him in and when we heard the ring we all looked that way, and when sister opened the door in came the boy with the package!

"And what a blessed relief that was to everybody! The wagon boy smiled as he came along the hall and even the delivery manager smiled a little over the finding of the package; in fact we all smiled, and then the delivery manager took the wagon boy and went away. What the manager did to the boy we never knew."

Open-Air Church Services.

The experiment of holding services in the open air, instead of inside the church is being attempted by one of the Congregational ministers at Bendigo. The parson in question, according to an Australian paper just to hand, having in mind the badly ventilated condition of many churches and the fact that the congregations are not always composed of those who are in the best of health, has decided that if his people are agreeable the Sunday evening services shall be conducted for the remainder of the warm weather in the open air. There are no doubt, many people in this country who would like to see this experiment tried over here on hot Sunday evenings—Westminister Gazette.

Explorer's Tribute to Japan.

Writing in the London Times, Dr. Sven Hedin, the celebrated Asiatic explorer, says of Japan and the Japanese: "Wonderful country! Wide awake, lovable, joyful people. How old, exhausted and gray life is in other countries of Asia compared to that of the Land of the Rising Sun, where every man goes to work silently and dutifully, and the women smile even when the rain is coming down in streams from the dull gray heavens. A people who believe in themselves, their own greatness, their own future; a people steeped to the marrow in loyalty, sense of duty, perserverance and patriotism, a progressive and industrious people, awake, intelligent and well informed in all the ways of life."

POSSIBILITIES OF PEAT SWAMPS.

The concealed wealth of the peat swamps is being brought to notice through the efforts of the American Peat Society. It appears that in the great swamps of the northeastern States, are concealed resources like those of the coal mines of Pennsylvania. It claimed that the two million acres of peat swamp in northern New York could develop an industry as large as that of anthracite coal mining in the neighboring State. One of the speakers cited that an acre of peat bog would yield 204 tons of air dried fuel per foot of depth while one hundred acres with a deposit of peat ten feet deep would yield 204,000 tons. At this rate the peat bogs of the northeast would yield an almost unlimited product. Besides peat fuel the bogs are made to produce ammonia fuel gas, coke, while the moss on the surface of the bog is dried and sold as stable litter, being claimed as far superior to straw for this purpose. So far, the peat industry has not made very great progress in this country but during the past year or two greatly improved machines have been made for handling the material it may be that with the advancing prices of coal and wood the peat industry will develop fast enough to make a place for itself and furnish a profitable market for great areas of peat land.

AN ESCAPE OR A MISFORTUNE?

Senator Depew, after telling his Brooklyn friends how near he once came to buying for $10,000 a sixth interest in the telephone, proceeded to express satisfaction instead of regret over his failure to invest and to thank the man whose advice had prevented him from doing it. The result would have been a fortune of $100,000,000, and said the Senator: "What a lucky escape! I would have been dead long ago from high living and my family ruined by too much prosperity."

Now how much of that was sincere and how much a jest? To ask the question may seem like a confession of inability to see a joke, but both the Senator's statements may well be true in gravest earnest, and many a philosopher—with no chance of getting even one million—would say that there was no doubt about the accuracy of either of them.

Nevertheless, the "lucky escape" was one that most people would be content to miss, and the well recognized and often demonstrated perils of great wealth are usually confronted with reckless audacity by everybody who has even half an opportunity to risk them.

WISDOM WITH FAT.

Nature frequently makes fat men wise, deliberate and prudent, like the elephant and the whale. Doubtless this is to take the place of physical quickness and lightness in emergency. Some of the wisest, spur-of-the-moment intellects have been of fat, foxy men. Bismarck was the largest and most profound and calculating man of his age. William the Conqueror was no slouch, and he was about all that a horse could carry. Medallion portraits of Philip of Macedon look like a fat Buddha. Washington was the deepest, most calculating, resourceful and at the same time noblest and most inductive of all minds, and the indications are that he would have been fat if sickness and being worked to death had not kept him down to the 250-pound mark.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT A FACTOR.

"How far public sentiment may properly be taken into the account in judicial regulations necessarily admits of no definite boundaries. Obviously an electional judge who would warp the law to favor a popular prejudice, or even an intelligent popular conviction, would be unworthy of his office. But it would be equally out of gear with fact and morality to assume that popular opinion is no rightful factor at all in giving effect to societal rules of conduct."

REINCARNATION.

A Hindu theosophist who is now lecturing in Chicago says that "instinctively some men and women repel us." He explains it by saying: "We are at a loss to understand this until we realize that we have known them in other lives and that this antipathy is the result of indirect memory."

MISSING LINKS EATEN.

Man has an instinct to destroy all inferior races, even as we destroyed Indians and Europeans destroyed that ancient race, the ancestors of Basques. It seems probable and not new that as man improved he destroyed, often ate, all "missing links" between himself and the apes, and thus "missing links" were wiped out ages ago.

The day is past when the college president is compelled to stand in the outer courts waiting for a chance to interview the millionaire and rescue for the cause of education some of his accumulated gains.

Some of the happiest and most useful people we have ever known were men or women unable to work or play, sometimes even bedridden and helpless.

Taking the average for the world there is one newspaper for 82,000 souls. No wonder so many know nothing of what's going on.

The Bureau of Labor at Washington is able to figure out for 1908, as against 1907, an average decrease of 5.2 per cent. in the cost of living. It is unfortunate that the statisticians cannot pay the bills.

THE MURDEROUS REVOLVER.

What is to be done with this weapon of cowards and thugs? It would be very good if all the pistols in the world could, somehow, be destroyed simultaneously. We talk much and hopefully of international disarmament of society, that is constantly warring upon itself; that is, that portion of society that is composed of cowards and crooks who go armed? Think of the murders committed annually in the United States alone by means of the revolver! Then add to that the accidental deaths by the revolver. Many more lives are taken each year in this country by the revolver than died of wounds in the Spanish-American War.

There is only one possible reason for carrying a revolver. That purpose is to take life. It may be to take life deliberately and murderously, or it may be to take life in self-defence—if necessary. It is never necessary.

To the citizen the revolver is no protection. To produce it in peril exposes ones life needlessly. To take a human life, is to the average man or woman, infinitely more terrible than being robbed. However, the greatest danger is the pistol in the possession of the coward and the bully.

If there be one argument against banishing this deadly pest from the Christian world, we should like to hear it. We do not know of it.

IS HUMOR UNPOPULAR?

Is the world growing staid and dull? The Atlantic Monthly publishes seven little parodies, and is solemnly reproved for "getting gay," and as solemnly commended for tempering its general sobriety with a touch of humor. Thirty-seven years ago The Atlantic published forty-two parodies, distributing them among seven successive numbers, and accompanying each group with one part of "The Poet at the Breakfast Table," and nobody even whispered "getting gay." Was not The Atlantic the chosen vehicle for the humor of Holmes and Aldrich and Lowell? Did it not publish Mark Twain's paper on the forgotten lay, "Punch in the presence of the passengaire"? If there is a monthly magazine in the United States which departs less from its tradition when it publishes anything amusing, what's its name, and where's its hame? Is fun growing rare, that every small indulgence must bear its comment?

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ATTENTION.

Prof. W. Phillips read recently, before the Royal Sanitary Institute in England, a paper detailing his observations on the limit of school children's capacity for attention. He concludes that two intervals of rest of ten minutes each during an ordinary school session are more useful than one of twenty minutes. The attention wanes more rapidly in the afternoon, and consequently the studies which most severely tax the attention, like mathematics should be confined to the morning hours. Professor Phillips concludes that gymnastics is not of necessity a mentally recuperative agent. If the teacher is a strict disciplinarian in gymnastics, the fatigue exhibited by the children may be of a pronounced character.

AMERICA THE COMFORTABLE.

People with an average income of from $1,000 to $3,000 a year live in far more convenient houses in America than in England. The matter of water, heat, lighting, suitable kitchens and laundries is insisted upon with us, and is lacking to an appalling extent in English country or even town houses, and also in the more pretentious country houses themselves. The houses of the poorer classes, laborers, clerks, servants and the like, are mere boxes, with none of the conveniences to which Americans even of the poorer classes are accustomed.

THE PUNY CHILD.

At the Prescott School in Charlestown, Mass., a class was made up of twenty puny children who were backward in their studies; the kind of under weight children who are no good at baseball and are likely later to develop consumption. In one month they gained an average of four pounds in weight and improved greatly in their studies.

What seems so marvellous was no miracle. They were simply taught out of doors. In the middle of each session each child had a cup of hot malted milk.

In a recent sermon, described in the Christian Life as a powerful and eloquent plea for work according to the precept, "Each for all, and all for each," Dr. Estlin Carpenter suggested as a motto for worship and work, "Courage and Cheer."

If one looking outside of himself sees what seems to him to be a bad world, let him say so and begin to make it better. If he sees a good world in the making, let him rejoice in the oportunity to fall in and help.

One big day's work with the boys and the hired man to help will put the yard and the ground about the house in fine order. The wife will be pleased too.

In the last twelve years our agricultural credit balance of trade has increased from an average of $234,000,000 to $411,000,000.

The scientist who says men have "bad days" once in twenty-three days surely understates the case.

Mr. Harriman says the panic of 1907 was due to fright.

WHY NOT USE OUR MAGICIANS?

The astounding fact was divulged, at the dinner of the Society of American Magicians, that there are 20,000 of those wonderfully gifted fellows in this country, men who can pick gold coins out of the thin air, pull a ton or two of dress goods, a gross of American flags, and a live pig out of a casual silk hat, palm live goldfish, and hatch handkerchiefs out of hens' eggs. Twenty thousand experts in the art of mystifying their fellow-men, whose dexterity, invariably accompanied by pleasing conversational gifts, is employed only for diversion. No feat of the Spiritualists, hypnotists, clairvoyants, or so-called healers is more remarkable than the tricks these fellows can play on the vision and imagination of a roomful of normal human beings.

The gravest troubles the French Government encountered in its early efforts to pacify Algiers were caused by the influence of the native magicians. The experiment of sending Robert-Houdin and his son, both expert conjurers, to show the Algerians how much more astonishing the repertory of acknowledged trickery was than the mysteries they had been accustomed to, proved very successful. It seems that our army of professional mystifiers might be employed to the same purpose among the unenlightened dupes of the charlatans who infest this country.

Wherever a pretentious imposter, claiming occult powers, is gulling the people, a free exhibition of the same sort of thing, confessedly produced by acquired skill, would have a wholesome effect. This is no joke. Our 20,000 magicians might well be employed to educate the masses and lift them out of the rut of superstition.

IRRITABILITY THE WASTER.

Those who are easily irritated lose an enormous amount of precious time and costly energy. In physiology, irritability is the property of responding to a stimulus. In botany, plants endowed with irritable organs, when they touch any object, clasp it. This is all right in soulless plants or muscles or nerves; but it is all wrong in men and women who are supposed to decide for themselves what to respond to, or grapple with, and what to leave alone. He is the most miserable of all men who must respond to everything that touches him. He is the happiest of men who can quietly ignore much that invites him. How often we have spoiled an entire day, which seemed to be bright with promise, simply by letting ourselves become overwrought and upset, early in the day, by an unpleasant word or annoying action of another! How often, again, have we been saved from the loss of time and temper that seemed imminent in this way, simply because something else "happened" to divert our attention and cause us to forget for a few minutes the irritation to which we were so valiantly responding, and which was threatening our peace and usefulness! Then we were ashamed of ourselves for having to be saved in that indirect way, when a little resolute will-power would have put the irritation to rout. An instant's irritation is often beyond the control of any one; but to allow that irritation to remain and dominate and destroy is to get down to the level of plants and animals.

STIMULANTS USED BY WRITERS.

Thomas Shadwell, a dramatic writer of some note in the seventeenth century, died through an overdose of laudanum, while Walter Savage Landor was said to be addicted to the use of cocaine. Lord Byron's extreme restlessness led him at times to seek relief for shattered nerves in doses of morphia, and Sheridan indulged in the same habit.

NEW STEAMSHIP RULE.

Hereafter the steamship companies bringing immigrants to America must provide about seven cubic yards of air space for each person. The object of this rule, which was lately enacted into law by Congress, is to prevent the overcrowding of the steerage and the consequent danger to the health of those who have to travel in that part of the ship.

The main reason why the tide of middle west farmers is moving to the Dakotas, Nebraska, Canada, and other parts of the great northwest, is because good lands in those sections can be bought for about one-fourth the price of lands in the older sections. In Illinois and Indiana good land really brings from $100 to $200 per acre, and it takes a mighty good farmer to make money on that kind of land.

The California law requiring restaurants to designate cold-storage poultry and eggs as such marks a further advance in pure-food legislation for the benefit of the consumer. Labels indicating the length of the term of storage may follow in time.

The discovery that scrap-iron which underwent the heat of the San Francisco fire makes a superior armor-plate for warships seems to have been made on the order of the Chinese discovery of roast pig as recorded by Charles Lamb.

While Colorado offers almost ideal conditions for the raising of poultry, that State had to ship in from eastern States, last year, poultry and poultry products valued at $3,000,000.

The latest wireless inventor says he can blow up a battle-ship's magazine from 500 miles away. Such a fellow should find war as safe as hunting lions in African game preserves.

SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS

By REV. F. E. DAVISON
Rutland, Vt.

PAUL'S LAST WORDS.

International Bible Lesson for Dec. 12 '09. [2 Tim. 4: 1-18].

The death of the Apostle Paul was like that of his Lord and Master—a tragedy; apparently a catastrophe, an unexplainable disaster. That the pioneer of christendom, the pathfinder of the true religion, the founder of more churches than all the apostolic college combined, the leader to whom converted Jew and Gentile looked for counsel and direction, the man who had come to the position where he was considered indispensable,—that he, of all others, should be compelled to lay his head upon the block and give up his life with his work all unfinished was a calamity that shook the infant church to its foundations.

No Complaints.

But the seasoned old warrior Paul, did not look at it in that light. When he enlisted in the service of the Prince of Peace, he calmly counted the cost. He enrolled himself in the army of the Lord with his eyes wide open. He knew perfectly well what he was doing and what it meant. He expected to suffer affliction and endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He fully realized what he was going up against for he had come from the ranks of the enemy himself, and he had the blood of bigotry in his own veins. He never anticipated ease and a comfortable position; the moment he laid down the weapons of his rebellion and was accepted as a raw recruit for the side he had persecuted he knew that the battle was on. And he knew also that that was an irrepressible conflict, a life-long warfare, and could only end in one way. Hence, he never murmured at the long marches, the weary sieges, the hand to hand conflicts, the bonds and imprisonments, the sacrifices, the garments rolled in blood.

Knighted on the Field.

And after all, what more appropriate thing than for a soldier to die upon the field of honor. Paul fell, as a brave soldier should, in the thick of the fight, with his face to the foe. And he was content. When Christ upon the cross knew that His hour had come, He bowed His head and said, "It is finished!" And when, the greatest of His apostles, years afterwards, in far off Rome, under the very shawod of caesar's palace was lead out to execution, he, too, knew that he had accomplished his mission, and uttered his dying testimony, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." There was not a tremor in his voice, there was not a pang in his heart, there was not a fear in his soul. He knew that he was only about to be knighted upon the field of battle.

Fearless Soldier.

Yes, Paul had been a fighter. He had not been much of a dress-parade soldier, but as Phil Sheridan said, he had found "lovely fighting all along the line." His conversion at Damascus was a bombshell dropped right in the heart of the camp, his several appearances in Jerusalem always turned the city upside down. He had been compelled to lick his own soldiers into shape at the first council of the church, again and again he had cut loose from his base of supplies and like Sherman hewed a path for himself clear through to the sea, foraging on the enemy on the way. Men misunderstood him, criticised him, always got him into trouble when they attempted to improve on his plans, but they were compelled to admit that he was a peerless soldier. He knew not what fear was. He faced kings as calmly as he did howling mobs. And he was never defeated. When he entered a city, no matter what the opposition, he held his ground long enough to overthrow the powers of darkness. As he moved on his conquering way he established forts of righteousness all over Asia and Europe from Antioch to Rome. What are Antioch and Laodicea, and Philadelphia, and Sardis, and Thyatira, and Pergamos, and Smyrna, and Ephesus—the seven churches of Asia spoken of in Revelation—together with Corinth and Thessalonica and Philippi, and Colosse, and Rome, but a matchless line of forts, garrisoned, armed and provisioned, to hold the ground where many of his greatest campaigns were waged and mightiest victories won.

Conquerer Always.

Oh, Paul's life was not a failure. He was immortal till his work was done. He was a greater soldier than Alexander or Caesar, for while they are dead and turned to dust, and the mighty empires they established have fallen and crumbled into dust, until not a trace remains, the kingdom Paul was instrumental in introducing has overturned all others and is more widespread and powerful this minute than it was when Paul cried out "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course," and went in to the presence of his Lord to lay a conquered world at his feet.

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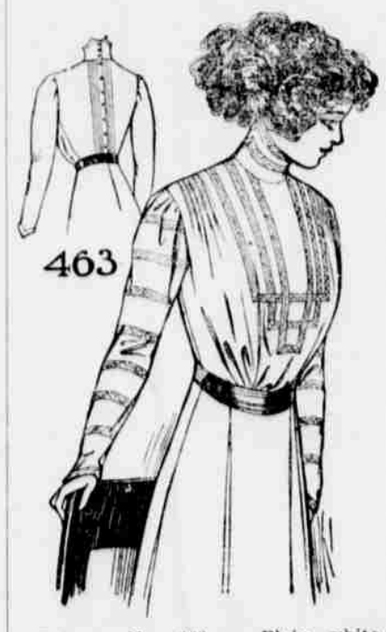

Pattern No. 463. — Plain white batiste is the material and fine lace insertion the trimming of this dainty waist. The line for the inside band of insertion is marked by perforations in the pattern and the sleeves are long with points extending over the hand.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A New York Stock Exchange seat was sold last week for $96,000,000, a new record price.

Another society girl has routed a burglar. She lives in Trenton. This is getting to be almost a fad.

J. P. Morgan has bought a controlling interest in the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York.

This year's iron ore tonnage of the Great Lakes is expected to break 1907's great record of 41,288,000 tons.

The house in New York in which Washington resided when first President is being torn down to make room for a more paying structure.

Within the past week more than one hundred carloads of Canadian wheat have been transferred at Rupert for Philadelphia for export to Europe.

The guard at the tomb of the late President McKinley, at Canton, O., has been reduced from a company of infantry to two noncommissioned officers.

Monday was the coldest day in Los Angeles in 32 years. The temperature fell to 41 degrees. In many places orchardists fought frost with smudge fires.

King Edward, through the Foreign Office, has formally accepted the invitation to act as arbitrator of the Alsop claim dispute between the United States and Chile.

The Secretary of War slipped on a hard wood floor in the White House the other day and took a severe tumble. Now if the President should undertake to overthrow the Secretary of the Interior, the country would be more tickled.

A Legislative Commission reports that $100,000,000 in personal property escapes taxation in Chicago.

If this condition were discovered in Philadelphia, Mayor Reyburn might use it as a reason to extend the loan and build more pergolas

President W. H. Truesdale, of the Lackawanna Railroad, has made an emphatic denial of the report that his company contemplates extending its Bloomsburg division to the bituminous coal fields and Pittsburg. He says the Lackawanna does not own any soft-coal property, and so far as he knows doesn't want any.

Keep The Money At Home.

An Ohio concern is sending circulars here, offering to furnish an outfit of printed stationery for $3.85, in advance, customer to pay express charges, which would be 60 to 75 cents.

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Some fellows can't help wondering how the world got along before they were born.

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She arose as he entered the room. He became at once aware of the unusual animation and sort of suppressed eagerness in her manner, and immediately resolved to ask her that evening the question which had been trembling on his lips for so many weeks, but he had hitherto been chilled into silence by her calm friendliness.

As for her—had not the expert physician who had called that day told her little Emily would be able to walk if a very difficult operation was performed, which would likewise be very expensive? And then, too, did not Bob want to go to college? And before her was the solution. Much depended upon this evening.

After a few commonplace remarks he dropped quite naturally upon his knee beside her, for he loved her with a very great love, and said: "Lois, I love you. Can you love me a little in return?" Somehow it came as a shock to her. Love! She had never thought of it in connection with him. She liked him very much, but the only ones she loved were Emily and Bob whom she had cared for since their parents had died, a few years ago. But he could give her what she most wanted—money, not for herself, but for her little sister and brother.

Lois looked down into the manly face and murmured: "I—I like you better than anyone else I know." A shade of disappointment crossed his face and then he asked: "You will be my wife, dear?" She hesitated just a moment. Perhaps it would not be quite fair to him, and then she said "Yes, Mr. Palmer," and in his joy he clasped her tenderly to him and kissed her.

So they were married. It was necessarily a quiet little wedding, and after the ceremony they all went to the big house on the hill and the little cottage was deserted.

The next few months were fairly happy ones for Lois, most particularly because Emily was getting well and strong. But at times Lois felt a restlessness and craving for something she could not explain which surprised her. She had never been like that before and she attributed it to the changed conditions surrounding her life. Her husband never troubled her; in fact, she did not see very much of him. Sometimes she almost wished she did see more of him and grew to feel a slight animosity toward the business which took so much of his time. But the idea of loving him never entered her head.

Gerald Palmer had grown wiser in these few months of his married life. He had learned that his wife did not love him. To be sure, she did not object to his caresses, but she submitted to them in an impersonal way and never responded to them. He also noticed that his absence was never commented upon, no matter how late he returned home. At first he had striven to awaken a responsive feeling within her, but, aparently unsuccessful, he desisted and devoted more of his time to his business.

One day when the restlessness seemed greater than usual Lois was walking on the upper veranda of her room when she saw her husband coming in his automobile. She watched his approach. How good he had been to her! Nothing had been denied her and she had had to make no request for what she wanted. It seemed as though he had divined every unspoken wish. She had been happy in a way, but there was something she did not have and she wished she could understand what it was.

Suddenly she saw meandering down the driveway the little puppy he had given her a short time before. It was right in the path of the heavy wheels of the automobile. Her husband noticed it and immediately swung the machine to one side, but it struck one of the massive gateposts and he was thrown to the ground. For a moment it seemed to Lois that her heart stopped beating, and then her first conscious thought was that she must go to him. They brought him to her unconscious, and as she saw him lying there before her she realized what it was she had wanted. It was to express her love for him. Perhaps it was too late. Slowly his eyes opened. "Gerald, my husband," she murmured, tenderly, brokenly, "do not leave me. I love you—love you—love you." The pain-dimmed eyes looked long at her, as though not comprehending. Finally a great peace dawned on Gerald's face and a great joy filled his heart. He said faintly, "That blessed puppy," and then her lips were pressed to his in her first caress.—LOUISE BROWN.

Appliances for Ocean Safety.

Last year a thousand ships or more were lost; the year before the sea took nearly the same toll. To the tourist, his assurance of safety lies in the fact that it is the sailing vessel, with its dependence on the fickle wind, that largely makes up this tremendous loss. Freighting steamers, voyaging on unfamiliar coasts, nearly complete the disaster roll. But to the great liners, with their familiar routes, their well-known lanes of travel, their guarded and well-lighted harbors, and al their appliances for safety, the manifold dangers of the ocean are only the remote possibilities that give a touch of adventure to their passage from land to land. The probabilities of disaster are trifling.—From Frank L. Tooker's "Safety at Sea" in the Century.

Mrs. Gadley (severely)—I want you to understand, sir, I pick my company.
Mr. Grouch—To pieces, madam.

A Merrier Christmas And A Happier New Year To All.

Ethically, the giving of gifts is a matter so intimate, so personal, that the practice should be discountenanced save between near kinsfolk or friends of long standing. To offer a gift should be a privilege conceded, not usurped. There are anniversaries of various sorts, beside weddings and birthdays, that furnish manifold opportunities for festive givers, and blessed be their gifts if they but grant to children all the gladness that may be bought upon each birthday of the Blessed Child.

If among every little coterie of intimates in America it were definitely understood that in future upon Christmas Day gifts should be sent to children exclusively, what a sigh of relief would follow! If, furthermore, those whose habit it has been to "give" at any cost, to any one, were to go frankly to those from whom they are accustomed to obtain their wherewithal to 'compete,'' and name but half the usual amount, again a perfect gale of relief would be made manifest. After which, what quest so joyful as for a toy or two for a forlorn child, and more toys for other children so long as the money lasted!

"But," cautions Philanthropy, "why not buy them warm clothing and coal instead of toys?"

"Because," pleads Love, ,,they so want upon this one day to play, to 'have fun,' to forget that they are often cold, or that they are ever hungry. They want to forget everything save the one blessed, provable fact that 'Santa came down our chimbley, too.'" Poor, pitiful little midgets of the world! To be their Santa Claus for one God-blessed day might make even a carper happy. Moreover, if throughout Christendom men and women, husbands and wives, lovers and sweethearts, brothers and sisters, were to agree in all good will that at Christmas one-half the price of contemplated gifts was to be saved, and the other half conscientiously spent for food, coal, and clothing for poor children, thrift would increase, and in all God's world there would be few, if any, hungry, cold, or ragged little ones on Christmas Day.

—MINNA THOMAS ANTRIM in *December Lippincott's.*

MILEAGE BOOK RULING.

Hereafter Books Will Tell on What Lines They Are Good.

Beginning not later than January first the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and its tributary lines east of Pittsburg will issue with each mileage book a circular indicating distinctly upon just what lines and between what points the mileage is good. The circular will be issued with each book when sold until the supply of books on hand is exhausted. Just as soon as the new mileage books are printed the revised list will be printed upon the front cover page as now.

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FARMERS' MOVABLE SCHOOLS.

The State Department of Agriculture has arranged for a session of the Farmers' Institute or Movable School of Agriculture, to be held in Bloomsburg on the week beginning on January 10th, and continuing until Friday.

Among the interesting features of the session will be a day given to educational matters, relating to rural schools; their equipment and adaptation to educational requirements of farmers' children. Another session will be given into the hands of the ladies, at which will be taken up such subjects as Women's work in the Home, Domestic Science and Economy, Home Sanitation and Moral and Social Surroundings.

The arrangements are being made by Mr. A. P. Young, the very efficient chairman of Farmers' Institutes for this county. A fine program is being arranged, and the meetings will prove very beneficial not only to farmers, but to the general public.

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The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, of Lime Ridge, Pa. will be held at Lime Ridge in the P. O. S. of A. Hall, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1910, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the election of twelve Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

H. H. BROWN,
12-2-te. Secretary.

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The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bloomsburg National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa. for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at their banking room, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1910 between the hours of 11 and 12 a. m.

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